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A major campaign appears to be building against Israel's reunification and incorporation of Jerusalem.

It is widely expected that Jordan will introduce a resolution to condemn Israel's claim to the city when the UN General Assembly convenes next month.

Recent statements from the Vatican have criticized Israel for their "Judaization" of Jerusalem and the "suffocation" of its Christian and Moslem population. There has also been an attempt to have the general board of the National Council of Churches adopt a resolution against "annexation."

Reached in Vancouver, where he was vacationing, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, chairman of the central region Canada - Israel committee, had these comments on the Jerusalem issue.

"What the Christians are really trying to say is that they cannot bear the thought that Jews are in control of their Holy Places. They never raised protests when Moslems controlled them... Neither Islam nor Christianity have basically come to terms with the existence and survival of Judaism."

The Holy Blossom rabbi pointed out that for more than 100 years, there has been a Jewish majority in Jerusalem.

The issue of Jerusalem cannot be resolved by "pious resolutions," he said.

The rabbi continued:

"This quasi - religious question is fraudulent. The Israelis have allowed free religious exercise for all faiths.

"Nobody shed tears when 28 synagogues in Jerusalem were destroyed following the 1948 war or when Jews could not go the Wailing Wall...

The question cannot be that Christians and Moslems don't have access to their places. What religious claimants really are saying is that it is inconceivable that Jews should be in control of Jerusalem."

In a recent statement on the Jerusalem issue, Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban pointed out that, in 1967, the Knesset passed a law for the protection of the Holy Places. And the government announced its intention to place internal management and arrangement for the places in the hands of religious leaders of the various communities.

The minister continued:

"In accordance with this policy, the Supreme Moslem Council holds jurisdiction over the Al Aksa mosque and the Dome of the Rock and all other Moslem Holy Places, cemeteries and mosques . . . The various Christian communities hold jurisdiction over the Christian Holy Places and religious institutions in accordance with the accepted tradition.

"We have made and honored agreements on compensation for war damage to all church insttutions. The reference is to damage inflicted from 1948 to 1967 due to wars initiated by the Jordanian Government. This compensation was paid to 17 Christian institutions and totals $116 million."

Eban also noted the Jerusalem municipality had provided Christian churches and institutions with financial and technical aid "for the furtherance of spiritual, artistic and cultural undertakings and to encourage construction and efficient maintenance."

And he said Christian churches were not subject to taxation and were exempt from customs duty and purchase tax. The right of every religious community to maintain its own schools and to determine their curricula is also guaranteed and honored, he added.

Earlier this month, a "Statement of Concerned Christians" signed by prominent U.S. Catholic and Protestant clergy and lay churchmen, was released. It opposed internationalization and contested charges of "Judaization" of the city and "suffocation' of its Christian and Moslem inhabitants.

The statement called "exemplary" the Israeli government's behavior with respect to the Holy Places.

The "internationalization" proposals must be considered a political rather than a religious concern, said the statement.

It continued:

"We recall with regret that no Christian bodies or national governments expressed concern about the denial of access for all Jews, or for Christians and Muslims in Israel, to their Holy Places during the Jordanian administration of the old city. The same can be said about the desecration of cemeteries and synagogues during this period.

"... Internationalization has never worked and the world has had its fill of divided cities ... We believe that the choice of the best method of protecting the Holy Places should be left to negotiations carried on at the peace table between Israel and Arab countries. At that point the Christian churches, synagogues and mosques can voice their opinions as to the particular needs of their communities and properties in the area."

Ambassador Theodor Meron

Monbaz to Toronto

Israel names Meron new Ottawa envoy

Theodor Meron, a 41-year old lawyer - diplomat, has been appointed ambassador to Canada and Col. Jacob Monbaz, 57, has been transferred to Toronto from Montreal as consul general, the Israeli government announced last week.

The new ambassador is expected in Ottawa at the beginning of next month while Monbaz takes up his duties in Toronto on Monday.

Meron, an expert in international law, received the Arlosoroff Prize in 1958 for his study of the demilitarized zones on the Israeli frontiers. The prize is given each year for excellence in research. He holds law degrees from Hebrew, Harvard and Cambridge Universities.

A member of the foreign ministry since 1957, Meron was assistant, and later, principal assistant legal adviser to the ministry. He was a member of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations -- a delegate to the Israeli General Assembly and a member of the Security Council. With the rank of counsellor, Meron was in charge of political affairs.

The new ambassador is married and has two children. His wife is a simultaneous interpreter by profession. His sons, Daniel and Amos, are aged 6 1/2 and 4 respectively.

Monbaz, born in Minsk, Russia, emigrated to Palestine at the age of 17 where he studied at the Mikvah agricultural high school and enrolled in the Hagana.

During the Second World War Col. Monbaz spent five years on active service in the Middle East, Greece and Italy as a member of a British artillery unit which was integrated with the Jewish Brigade. He went to Europe in 1945 to help organize the exodus of Jewish survivors seeking relocation in Israel, and on his return, a year later, was commissioned to set up an Israeli artillery unit.

A succession of appointments in the armed forces followed; one of his most important functions was that of general staff officer in charge of the mixed armistice commission in contact with the Arab states. This experience proved valuable when, in 1962, he was assigned to the Israeli delegation at the United Nations as a counsellor on security and Middle East affairs. After three years in New York Col. Monbaz was appointed consul general in South Africa. He was transferred to the Montreal consulate in 1969.

Col. Jacob Monbaz

Mixed reaction greets Caravan for Soviet Jewry

by Yom Tov Geffen

"We're not here to entertain you. We've come to demand your help."

These words are echoing across stage platforms at Jewish camps throughout eastern Canada and the United States this summer. They are spoken by David Forman, 27, rabbinical student - and a member of the Freedom Caravan For Soviet Jewry.

Forman and his wife Judy, 20, are Cincinnati residents who teamed up with Torontonians Mark Clarfield and David Sadowski, both 21, to carry out an extensive tour covering a wide variety of Jewish camps. The caravan was established to inform people about the plight of Soviet Jewry, and to tell how they can help.

The four convey the message through songs, film, slides, dramatic readings, printed handouts, and sheer determination.

They've been on tour since the beginning of July, and will continue to perform until the end of August.

Reactions to a group of young Jewish people asking their fellow Jews, and the rest of the world for help have been a mixed bag of enthusiasm, indifference, and outright rejection.

Several works, including Elie Wiesel's book, The Jews Of Silence, form the basis of dramatic readings. The presentation also features slides taken in the Soviet Union, as well as the Israeli film, Let My People Go.

At each camp, Caravan members conduct question and answer sessions with the audience. Then they break into smaller groups, gearing their presentations separately to younger children and to teen-agers.

Before it headed for the backroads of Ontario, New York, Pennsylvania, New England, and the Midwest, the freedom caravan contacted camp directors representing virtually every type of Jewish organization, from Orthodox groups to Zionist youth movements.

The Caravan is funded jointly by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Cleveland Council on Soviet Anti-Semitism. The bulk of the information was prepared by the Cleveland Council; it was the first North American Jewish group to initiate formal protest against Soviet treatment of Jews, beginning in 1963.

Lou Rosenblum, Council president, did much of the spadework in raising money and planning the Caravan's itinerary, although the actual concept - touring camps in a van and presenting a formal program - was the brainchild of Sadowski. He and Clarfield spearheaded the Action Committee For Soviet Jewry, a student group at York University.

They met with the Formans at Cleveland in January. Together with Rosenblum, they mapped a stage presentation which effectively would tell the Soviet Jews' story.

Each caravan member is an accomplished musician. They sing songs written by such men as Pinchas Dubrov, now serving a sentence in a Russian prison for writing Let My People Go and B'Dumia by Ukrainian poet Evgenii Yvtushenko. All songs excepting the Israeli tune Anachnu V'Atem (We and You), were written by Russian Jews, and had to be smuggled out of the Soviet Union.

Patty Landa, 22, is a former resident of Saskatoon, Sask., now living in Jerusalem. She returned to Canada for a visit this summer, joining the freedom caravan for a week while it toured camps in Massachusetts and New York State.

"For the brief time I was with the Caravan - its van was plastered with 'Save Soviet Jewry' stickers and other posters calling for action - I noticed that people either gave us the 'thumbs down' sign, or indicated a 'right on' signal with their hands," she recalled.

She said that when the caravan was in Maine, the van pulled up at a hamburger stand, where the group was approached by a middle-aged businessman and a long-haired youth. Caravan members were a bit apprehensive at first, but broke into relieved smiles when the two asked for bumper stickers.

Nazi plans revealed

Sydney, Australia (JCNS) - An Australian Nazi Party leader who has defected has alleged that it plans to liquidate a number of Australians, many of them prominent.

He is Des Hatton, the former Queensland branch secretary who has gone into hiding with his wife and daughter.

The list is said to include Don Dunstan, the premier of South Australia, who is well-known for his anti-racialist views; Sydney Einfeld, the deputy leader of the New South Wales Labor Opposition; Isi Leibler, the vice president of the Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies; Nathan Beller, a former president; and leading Jews and trade unionists in all the Australian States.

According to Hatton, the Australian Nazi Party planned to execute these men when it came to power but he told Truth, the Melbourne weekly journal, that he was concerned because 10% of the party members were fanatics and were likely to go ahead with killings "whether or not the party was in power".

Storm over boycott

London (JCNS) - Leading Jewish property developers in Britain are up in arms over an attempt by a subsidiary of Richard Costain Ltd., one of Britain's largest civil engineering contractors, to impose the Arab boycott against Israel on one of their colleagues. They in turn may take steps to boycott the firm.

Sir Henry d'Avigdor - Goldsmid, chairman of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, said before going on holiday this week that he would not let the matter rest and would see that it received maximum publicity.

The firm concerned is the Costain Property Co., which had agreed to develop a large residential complex in Watford, Herts, jointly with the London firm of Crown Dean Holdings. The chairman of Crown Dean is Moss Spiro, a generous supporter of Israeli causes.

When Spiro received the draft agreement he found that it contained a paragraph seeking an undertaking that the joint venture would not infringe the terms of the Arab boycott.

He refused to sign such an undertaking and insisted on proceeding with the terms of the venture as agreed. Costain for their part refused to budge.

The JPA committee, which comprises the leading Jewish property developers, is shortly to call a meeting. It is understood from a prominent member of the committee that steps may be taken to encourage both Jewish and other developers to boycott Costain.

When a JCNS representative read out to Sir Robert Taylor, chairman of Costain, the facts given above he confirmed the facts as stated but declined to comment futher.

The Arab League, which is responsible for operating the boycott in Britain, has offices in Hay Hill owned by Land Securities, one of the world's largest property companies.

The chairman and managing director of the company is Sir Harold Samuel, who gives considerable financial support to Israel.

JDL campaign attacked

The Jewish Press, published in Brooklyn, New York, and formerly edited by Rabbi Meir Kahane, this week editorially opposed the Jewish Defense League's recent campaign to have every Jew in the United States purchase a .22 calibre pistol.

Under the slogan "Every Jews a .22" the JDL was urging Jews to purchase "legal, registered weapons inexpensively and to be trained by JDL instructors."

The Jewish Press stated: "We have usually been sympathetic in most of the JDL activity because the purpose was to focus a spotlight on the plight of Russian Jewry, however we feel their 'Every Jew a .22' campaign may be a little overzealous."

The editorial continues: "Putting a gun in the hands of every Jew implies that law and order have broken down in this country - and nothing could be further from the truth!

"We can also see a great many families expressing concern when a weapon is around the house where young children can also get their hands on them."

In the editorial, the Jewish Press disagrees with the JDL claim that "had such a campaign been initiated in Eastern Europe in pre-World War II days, countless Jewish lives would have been saved."

The Jewish Press insists that if the time should ever come when every Jew will need a .22, then a .22 would be of no help. "So why invite trouble fighting an enemy who has something more powerful than any .22? If, God forbid, such a time should ever arrive, no gun would be of help - logic and good sense is our only defence."

This marks ons of the few times that the Jewish Press has disagreed publicly with its former editor, Rabbi Meir Kahane. While admitting the JDL's dedication to Jewry, the Jewish Press insists that the JDL is taking history out of context.

"Their pointing to the Jewish lives lost in the Holocaust, and suggesting that if they had had .22's that lives might have been saved is wishful thinking.

History distorted

Quaker Mid-East report biased, U.S. Jews charge

New York (JTA) - A comprehensive study published jointly by the American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has charged a widely circulated Quaker report given considerable credence by Canadian Churchmen, on the Middle East with "blatant bias" and "recommendations detrimental to the cause of peace in the Middle East." The study "Truth and Peace in the Middle East -- A Critical Afalysis of the Quaker Report," issued here this week accused the American Friends Service Committee of distorting historical fact to bolster a "preconceived" pro - Arab bias and masking the effort with claims of objectivity. The authors - three American professors - said that despite the humanitarian traditions of the Quakers their document nevertheless, "presented a slanted and one-sided set of conclusions." The Quaker report, "Search for Peace in the Middle East" received much attention from the nation's news media when it was published last year. The ADL-AJ-Congress response asserted that sharp criticism by scholars to whom the Quakers showed a pre-publication draft was virtually ignored because it undercut the Quakers' intended argument. The authors questioned whether the Quaker document sprang from the view of "chronically pro-Arab old Midle East hands of the State Department" that a pro-Arab slant was required to offset support for Israel by the American general public.

The study was particularly sharp in its criticism of Quaker proposals for a Big Four guarantee of peace. The thee scholars asserted that "thre is no reason to expect that the Big Four culd or would guarantee a true peace in the Middle East." The Sovets, for example, have an "enormous investment in the continuation of a no-peace-no-war state of tension" since "true peace would reduce their leverage with the Arab states to a point inimical to their ambitions in the Middle East, Asia and Africa." Furthermore, France and Great Britain, "from their own public records, are mainly concerned with shoring up what is left of their influence among the Arab states and extending their ties with the oil producing states."

The study called the Quaker report's emphasis on Big Four participation "grossly inconsistent with the usual Quaker espousal of the rights of small countries." Furthermore, it went on to say, the Quaker report seemed determined to persist in assigning responsibilities to the United Nations that the body was repeatedly proven incapable of fulfilling.

Other points made in the critical analysis were that: the Quaker report accepted -- and furthered without question or quotation marks -- the Arab propaganda view that Israel was imposed on the area by Western states guilty of anti-Semitism to solve, at Arab expense, a problem Arabs never created; the Quaker account falsely implied that the 1948 fighting eruped spontaneously and simultaneously on both sides when, in fact, it was launched by the Arabs despite Jewish appeals for peace and coexistence; the records of events and proceedings in the UN prior to June 5, 1967, and the public record in the world's news media make "preposterous" the Quaker outbreak of war; and that the Quaker advice to American jews "to reexamine the full implications of their role with respect to American Middle East policies" was insensitive and, in rality, a warning to American jews to be wary of exercising their rights as citizens. The ADL-AJ-Congress study called the Quaker attempt at intervention in the Arab-Israeli conflict "anti-Israel" and "particularly regrettable because of the long history of mutual respect and sympathy between American Jews and American Friends and their past collaboration in many humanitarian causes." The authors of the study asked the Quakers to review its content in the light of "their own consciences and critical faculties." In issuing the critical analysis of the Quaker report, Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the ADL, and Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the AJ-Congress, said it was their hope that the critique would contribute "to a more accurate assessment of the Middle East crisis and to meaningful dialogue in the future."

Intermarriage soars in Holland

Amsterdam (JCNS) - More Jews are settling in Holland than are emigrating, although the margin is a small one. Most of the newcomers to the country come from Israel, although the majority are born elsewhere. Only a third settle in the United States.

These facts emerge from a demographic survey conducted at the request of the Foundation for Jewish Social Work and published in Assen by Van Gorum.

In January of 1966 there were 14,288 Jewish men and 15,447 Jewish women in Holland although only 47% of them were officially registered with a Jewish community.

The report says that the number of mixed marriages has increased rapidly - by 185% since 1947. More than 41% of Jewish wives and 34% of Jewish married women have non-Jewish husbands.

According to the report, the outlook is gloomy. The Jewish death rate is more than 14 per 1,000 while the birth rate is only a little over 9 per 1,000 compared with a general Dutch birth rate of almost 20 per 1,000.

More than a seventh of Holland's Jews are aged over 65.

on the wire

Meir to step down ; Labour Party shaken

Tel Aviv.–Golda Meir, the Premier, has caused consternation in the Israel Labour Party by her statement last week that she will "certainly" not seek reelection as Premier after the next Israeli General Election, which is due in 1973.

Most shocked of all by Mrs. Meir's announced decision to stand down as Premier in two years' time were the Labour Party's Tel Aviv branches dominated by the powerful party machine of Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister.

But the rest of the party is also shaken, because the spectre of a confrontation between the leading contenders for the premiership has now been conjured up. It is unavoidable, but the party would prefer to postpone it for as long as possible.

Mrs. Meir herself is said to have grown impatient with some of the men with whom she previously worked in harmony for many years.

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DEATH OF RABBI ITZHAK LEVIN, LEADER OF AGUDAT ISRAEL

Jerusalem.–Rabbi Itzhak Meir Levin, one of the most colourful characters in Israel's political and religious life and a long-time leader of Agudat Israel, died here. He was 77 years old.

His seat in the Knesset, but not as party leader, will be taken by the next name on the Agudist election list, Yehuda Meir Abramovich, the deputy mayor of Tel Aviv.

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MORE LEAVING RUSSIA–MAJOR FEIGIN MARRIES JOURNALIST

Tel Aviv.–The number of Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel during July was larger than earlier reported.

In fact, it was a little above the monthly average of between 1,000 and 1,300 during April, May and June.

A group of new immigrants from the Soviet Union arrived in Israel on Tuesday. The cities they came from included Riga, Vilnius (Vilna), Chernovtsy and Tashkent.

Also on Tuesday, Major Grisha Feigin, the Soviet-Jewish war hero who arrived in Israel last February, was married in Tel Aviv to Miss Yaffa Reich, a Haifa journalist.

The Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Rabbi Sholomo Goren, conducted the ceremony.

JERUSALEM ASKS SWISS TO THINK AGAIN OVER PLO OFFICE

Jerusalem.–Israel has been making continued efforts to persuade the Swiss authorities to withdraw their permission for the opening of a Palestine Liberation Organisation office in Geneva.

A problem in Israel's diplomatic approaches is that the Swiss had already given their approval to the opening of the office by the time Jerusalem learned of it.

Israel's Jerusalem claim attacked by Arab Canada

The Arab Information Center, headquartered in Ottawa has joined in a renewed world wide attack on the status of Jerusalem designed to organize Canadian religious, and political leadership to oppose Israeli control of the historic Jewish capital, unified in 1967.

The "Judaization" or "Zionization" of Jerusalem has become the chief subject of a well co-ordinated propaganda barrage launched by the Arab countries. The campaign includes a plan to bring a resolution before the United Nations Security Council condemning Israel for continuing to regard East and West Jerusalem as one, unified city. The resolution claims that Israel is thereby retaining territory seized by force in violation o the U.N. charter.

Arab Canada, news letter of the Arab Information Center, devotes its August issue to an effort to "focus attention on a unique and central problem in the Middle East question - the status of the city of Jerusalem." It includes the accusation that the goal of Zionism is to uproot civilization.

The Arab newsletter insinuates that Israel was responsible for the 1969 fire that damaged the Al Aksa Mosque, deemed by Moslems as a holy shrine. The article suggests that the fire was "a tragic event that must be seen as a direct result of Israeli military occupation of the city."

The article ignores the arrest and public trial of a mentally-ill Australian who confessed openly to setting fire to the mosque, the fact that Arab guards, rather than Israeli police may have been negligent and that Israel has contributed both technical assistance and funds to restore the damaged shrine.

The Arab publication attacks Israel's claim to Jerusalem through several devices and claims prior historical righs to Jerusalem by the Arabs. The newsletter states:

"It is true that Jerusalem's significance in Judaism and Jewish history extends to times well before the birth of Islam or Christianity, but the city itself has not been under Jewish control for almost 2,000 years."

It claims that Arab rule would provide greater tolerance for other religious groups.

"Two important principles characterize the more than 1,000 years of Arab rule in Jerusalem - the first is the principle of tolerance for non-Muslims and the second is the respect shown to all the Holy Places in the city."

It claims that the city should remain partitioned because the Jewish and Arab portions are culturally, economically and religiously incompatible.

"The social behaviour of the East Jerusalem Arab represents a style of life appropriate to the sacred character of the Holy Places. Israeli modernization has brought irrevocable changes in the city's character. Neon lights, cabarets, Western music now intrude into the city of peace."

It points to the opposition of some Christian church men to Jewish control of Jerusalem. Arab Canada quotes the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Transjordan as calling on world opinion to "check Zionist plots to Judaize and monopolize the Holy City and to efface its sacred character."

Considerable space is devoted to a statement issued on May 10 by the Pastors of the Christian Communities in the Arab World meeting in Damascus accusing Israel "of expelling the Christian and Muslim inhabitants and their replacement by Jews.

"For the goal of Zionism is to merge this human and spiritual heritage into a fanatical racist state and thereby destroy it.

"The farther goal of Zionism is even worse and much more serious: to uproot civilization. For Abraham was not the founder of a race or state."

Eight wounded, 67 arrested in Jerusalem religious riots

Jerusalem (JCNS) - Jerusalem has suffered its worst night of religious rioting for many years when ultra-Orthodox students and inhabitants of Mea Shearim quarter engaged in a frenzy of stone throwing which resulted in the wounding of two women, two journalists, one of them a television cameraman, three policemen and one demonstrator.

Sixty-seven of the demonstrators were arrested, some of them after police stormed yeshivot where missiles had been stored for the onslaught against Egged buses inaugurating the post-Sabbath service through the quarter on Aug. 9.

The two women, who were hurt in a bus whch was stoned suffered facial injuries. The trouble started before the end of the Sabbath when zealots gathered near the Egged bus station to ensure that no buses left before the Sabbath was over. They made threatening gestures and yelled "Shabbes, Shabbes". As they made their way back toward Mea Shearim they were confronted by a gang of anti-Orthodox youth and a grim situation developed.

However, the police promptly placed themselves between the two sides and there was only a minor fracas.

KEROSENE SET ALIGHT

The real trouble came with the passage of the first bus through the quarter. It was met with a hail of stones - as was every subsequent bus. The police stayed away from the affair until a representative of Egged said that either the police ensured freedom of passage for his company's vehicles or the service would be withdrawn. The police then started calmly and in a controlled manner to move the demonstrators from the streets.

It was at this stage that some of them poured kerosene across the roadway and set it alight. The police called up reinforcements and a water cannon and the big battle of the night got underway.

Particularly noticeable among the demonstrators were a large number of yeshiva bachurim who spoke English with a distinct American accent. They appeared to be among the ring-leaders. One yelled "Nazi" and "Gestapo' at an Israeli police officer who bore the identification number of a former concentration camp inmate on his wrist.

Another of the American demonstrators yelled loudly for his right to see an American lawyer when he was seized by the police.

"EXOTIC SPORT"

Experienced observers who watched Saturday night's events in Mea Shearim agree that sheer hooliganism - "an exotic sport" as one put it - motivated many of the bearded youngsters with side-curls who dodged out of the side streets and yeshivot and syngaogues in their running battle with the police.

If events such as those of Saturday night are to continue, say observers, it seems only a matter of time before there is a fatal accident. Only that extremity might put an end to this stage in what some cynics already regard as the first round in the "Jewish War" between those who would impose observance on the general populace by force, and those who increasingly will rally to the forces which will resist it.

Need for U.S. Jewish community says Gahal Knesset member

Rehovoth, Israel - A member of Israel's Knesset told the American-Israel Dialogue last week that Jewish life could not center around Israel alone but rather needed a vital and authentic Jewish community in the United States.

Zalman S. Abramov of the Gahal Party warned, however, that unless American Jews turned "inward" and abandoned their emphasis on "universalistic values such as civil rights and the peace movement," there was a greater chance that Jewish life in the U.S. would disappear than flourish.

Some 30 American Jewish and Israeli intellectuals took part in the four-day Dialogue, an annual event sponsored by the American Jewish Congress at the Weizmann Institute.

Earl Raab, sociologist and executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, began the dialogue session by asserting that America was becoming a true cultural "melting pot" for the first time in its history.

This development, he said posed a threat to the maintenance of group identity in general and Jewish identity in particular, not because of anti-semitism but because of "an environment increasingly hostile to the assertion of separate ethnic identity." He described current efforts to revive ethnic minority identification in the U.S. as a "false pregnancy" that would bear no results.

Abramov added: Israel is also a shareholder in American Jewry. Because we have a stake in that community, many of us believe a radical and perhaps even painful reorientation of American Jewish life is called for, one in which Jews will put greater emphasis on the particularistic rather than universalistic values of our faith.

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Hillel Kook, a former underground leader and ex-Knesset member, said Israel needed tough-minded criticism from American Jews.

Kook said his fellow - Israelis rejected serious discussion of such issues as church-state relations, the distinction between citizenship and nationality and the place of the Arab minority in Israeli life.

"Israel has too little dissent, too little discussion of vital issues, too little debate on fundamental questions," Kook declared, adding:

"Since we seem to be incapable of raising these issues ourselves, we need American Jews to come here and raise the issues for us and with us."

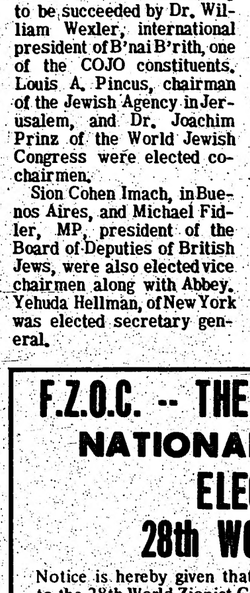
The Dialogue session was launched by Arthur A. Cohen of New York, author and religious philosopher, asserted that American Jews were "overcommitted" to Israel psychologically. He said he was not suggesting that American Jews withdraw or diminish their support of Israel but rather that they "seek to define themselves as Jews not only by identifying with the Jewish state.

"The crisis of American Jewish life," he said, "is that every aspect of Jewish behavior must be measured and validated by its relationship to Israel. In fact, there is greater opportunity outside Israel to create and maintain one's Jewish identity without public surveillance."

In reply, Professor David Landes of Harvard Univery-sity's history department declared:

"The attachment of American Jews to Israel represents a healthy instinct. The founding of the Jewish state has been a watershed in American Jewish life, bringing about a change in the character of American Jewry and opening a new dimension in the nature of Diaspora life.

"Today it is a voluntary act to remain a Jew in the Diaspora. This act poses the most personal and pertinent of questions to each of us. And if, as in the days of Babylon, most Jews choose to remain outside of Israel, the link between Israel and the Jewish people must and will - as it did then - remain a powerful one."



Monroe Abbey

CJC official is elected to world body

Monroe Abbey, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress was elected a vice chairman of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) at its recent meetings held in Geneva.

The COJO Plenary, attended by the leadership of 11 major Jewish organizations, was marked by a transfer of leadership. Nahum Goldmann, who founded the organization 13 years ago, retired from the chairmanship to be succeeded by Dr. William Wexler, international president of B'nai B'rith, one of the COJO constituents. Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, and Dr. Joachim Prinz of the World Jewish Congress were elected co-chairmen.

Sion Cohen Imach, in Buenos Aires, and Michael Fidler, MP, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, were also elected vice chairmen along with Abbey. Yehuda Hellman, of New York was elected secretary general.

Bond Sponsor Chairman named

Mrs. Nathan Reiber has been named Sponsor Chairman of the 1971 State of Israel Bond Drive, it was announced this week by Dr. Ayala Zacks, Chairman of the Women's Division. Mrs. Reiber will head a special and intensified campaign effort during the coming weeks to stimulate record enrollments by women in the important Sponsor categories of Israel Bond purchase as pacesetters for the entire Women's Division. "Phase One" of the Sponsor program will be highlighted by the luncheon taking place on Monday, September 13th at the home of Mrs. Mark A. Levy, 80 Oriole Road, where newly enrolled Sponsors will be awarded the Sponsor Pin for 1971, created by world-renowned sculptor Jacques Lipschitz.

Mrs. Nathan Reiber

Newcomers to Israel stand near their new homes in Ofakim, a modern Israeli town in the northern Negev being developed with the aid of Israel Bond funds

Mass response promised for High Holy Day bond effort

Pointing to an earlier-than-usual organizing start for the traditional High Holy Day Appeals for Israel Bonds in synagogues and temples Albert J. Latner, campaign chairman, stated "It appears that this year we will have more participants in the High Holy Day Appeals.

Latner stressed the paramount importance of the High Holy Day Appeal efforts as "the decisive first phase of the 1971 Israel Bond Campaign in Toronto," and pledged the full cooperation of the entire organization in assisting congregations with their respective plans.

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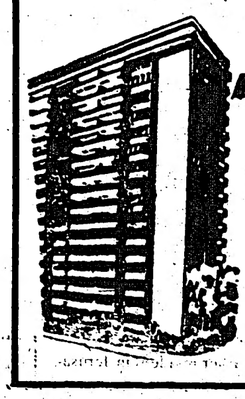

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EYE on the world

NORWEGIANS PROTEST AGAINST SWASTIKA POSTERS

Oslo.–The Norwegian public has strongly protested against the appearance of swastika posters in the south-eastern parts of the country near the Swedish border.

The posters call for an end to the employment of workers from South-East Europe and Asia in Norwegian industry with the slogan "Norway and the Nordic countries must be kept clean and Aryan".

They were put up by members of "Nordiska Riksparteit", the Swedish neo-Nazi organisation which supports Hitler's original ideas. Although small, the party has been active in the Scandinavian countries during recent years. It publishes the organ Nordisk Kamp (Northern Flight).

NEW INQUIRY TO OPEN INTO 1970 ELATH MINES BLAST

Jerusalem.–A second inquiry is to open into the explosion of a truck load of mines in Elath following the successful Israel raid on the Egyptian island of Shadwan at the mouth of the Gulf of Suez in January, 1970.

Twenty-four Israeli soldiers died in the Elath explosion and another 40 were injured, some seriously. The lorry blew up as it went down a ramp from a landing craft moored in Elath docks.

One inquiry has already resulted in the demotion and punishment of a group of officers and men. A military court found that the mines had been brought back from Shadwan without being defused. The new inquiry will investigate the responsibility of a more senior officer.

Israeli commando troops captured a British-made Decca marine radar installation, arms and ammunition and 62 prisoners during the Shadwan raid and sank two Egyptian torpedo boats and a petrol boat. There were about 70 Egyptian casualties. Three Israeli soldiers were killed and six wounded.

HENRY NISSEN WINS COMMONWEALTH FLYWEIGHT TITLE

Sydney, Australia.–Henry Nissen, the Australian and Maccabiah flyweight champion won the British Commonwealth title here last week by defeating John McCluskey of Scotland. McCluskey gave in after eight of the scheduled 15 rounds of the contest.

Nissen who has only fought eight previous professional contests, all of which he won, is now the only Australian to hold a Commonwealth boxing title.

Although McCluskey gamely resisted, he was repeatedly floored or flung on the ropes by Nissen's fast attacks from the second round onwards. A cut above his eye forced McCluskey to retire.

GRENADE MISSES HEBRON TOURISTS

Jerusalem.–A grenade thrown by a terrorist at a tourist bus in Hebron missed and exploded in the road, wounding ten local residents.

Two bus passengers and a woman in a passing taxi were slightly injured by broken window glass.

The Hebron attack and an earlier incident in Jerusalem when a time bomb badly damaged a car are regarded as desperate attempts by the terrorists to show their strength after their defeat in Jordan last month.

EBAN TO VISIT LONDON IN NOVEMBER AS GUEST OF GOVERNMENT

London.–Abba Eban, Israel's foreign minister, has been invited to visit London at the end of November as the guest of the Government. No decision has been made so far on the date of the visit to Israel of the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home. Sir Alec's acceptance of the Israeli invitation was announced in a statement to the House of Commons in March.

The Foreign Secretary will, however, give a definite date for his visit at the end of Mr. Eban's stay.

Sir Alec is due to visit Rabat and Cairo next month. This will give him an opportunity to evaluate President Sadat's attitude to any arrangement which can dent Sadat's attitude to any arrangement which can be made through the United States for a temporary agreement between Israel and Egypt on the question of withdrawal to enable the reopening of the Suez Canal.

ISRAEL TO VOTE FOR PEKING

Jerusalem.–Israel will vote for the admission of Communist China to the United Nations when the issue comes before the new session of the General Assembly in September. The decision was taken this week by the Cabinet.

HILLEL DISCOUNTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH WEST BANKERS

Jerusalem.–Shlomo Hillel, Israel's police minister, has ruled out the possibility of separate negotiations between Israel and West Bank leaders.

In an interview with Haaretz, Mr. Hillel said that to reach an agreement with West Bank leaders directly would be to ignore all the Palestinians now living in Jordan who were a majority.

An agreement with West Bank leaders could only mean an Israeli withdrawal without peace, or annexation of the West Bank. Such an agreement would mean to despair of reaching a settlement with the Palestinians as a whole or with King Hussein.

RABBI UNTERMAN CONDEMNS MEA SHEARIM VIOLENCE

Jerusalem.–Rabbi I.J. Unterman, the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel has condemned the use of violence by defenders of the Sabbath.

In a radio interview on Tuesday evening, Rabbi Unterman urged Israel's Orthodox Jews to enter into a dialogue with the non-religious section of the community, in order to convince them by argument that they were wrong to break the Sabbath Laws.

The occasion for his plea was the rioting in Jerusalem on Aug. 7, the worst for many years, when ultra-Orthodox young students and inhabitants of the Mea Shearim quarter engaged in a frenzy of stonethrowing.

Two women, a journalist, a television cameraman, three policemen and one demonstrator were injured.

Hot Pants and the Brass

Israel's top military brass, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Chief of Staff Gen. Haim Bar-Lev tour a civilian settlement in the Jordan Valley, escorted by a kibbutznick in hot pants.

U.S. may submit new peace plan

Washington - - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's persistent statements declaring last week as a deadline for American efforts to achieve an interim settlement in the Middle East has puzzled many observers. His frequently repeated declaration that Egypt is determined to renew the war at year's end, even at the cost of one million lives "because there is no alternative," has given rise to a variety of theories.

One possible explanation is suggested in a recent Jewish Chronicle News Service dispatch which suggests that Sadat's statements are part of the current effort to place pressure on the United States to agree to a Four Power Conference on the Middle East, a procedure strongly opposed by Israel. It is also seen as an attempt to compel the United States to publish the blueprint formulated by Joseph Sisco, assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, for an interim arrangement on the Suez front.

The Chronicle article follows.

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Washington (JCNS).- America will present a new Middle East proposal within a few weeks to encourage Egypt to continue the ceasefire and the Suez Canal talks, convince the United Nations not to renew the Jarring mission or push again for a comprehensive settlement, and to keep faith with the search for an interim agreement. This move has been forecast by a source familiar with the thinking of Mr. Joseph Sisco, the assistant secretary of state for Near East Affairs.

Among diplomats there is much talk of a Geneva-style Middle East peace conference, of the Big Four and the Middle East disputants.

This course was originally proposed privately by Lord Caradon, Britain's former representative at the United Nations and is expected to be supported by France at the General Assembly which opens on September 21.

SISCO'S IDEAS

Observers here think Egypt will concentrate on forcing the USA to formalize the ideas Sisco presented in Jerusalem. America has so far complied with Israel's request to avoid producing a blueprint which would put America in a position which would end her role as honest broker.

Moreover any formal and detailed American peace plan even for an interim Canal settlement, is bound to refer to the extent of Israel's withdrawal. Disagreement on this between Washington and Jerusalem remains as sharp as ever, and the production of a detailed plan would be bound to precipitate an American - Israel confrontation which President Nixon, one is told authoritatively, intends to avoid at all costs.

AJC appeals for Yiddish broadcasts

New York -- The American Jewish Congress appealed today to President Nixon to approve Voice of America broadcasts in Yiddish to Soviet Jews, asserting that such broadcasts would "reflect the concern of the Government of the United States with their welfare."

Although the State Department and the United States Information Agency oppose such broadcasts, it was reported thatthe final decision will be up to the President.

In a letter to the President, Will Maslow, Congress executive director said State Department and USIA claims of difficult technical problems in reaching the entoe Soviet Jewish community - because it was scattered over a huge geographical area - were "only superficially accurate." He told the President 90% of Soviet Jews lived within two Western time zones and included in the letter a table showing the geographic distribution of the Jewish population in 9 of the 15 republics of the Soviet Union, according to the official 1970 preliminary Soviet census. (The figures are believed to underestimate the actual number of Jews in the USSR.)

It revealed that approximately 1,6 million Soviet Jews lived in Russia and Ukraina alone. Maslow wrote:

"As the table shows, the distribution of the overwhelming majority of the Jewish population in the Soviet Union poses no insurmountable technical difficulties to the institution of Voice of America Yiddish broadcasts to the Soviet Union."

QUESTIONS CLAIM OF INCREASED COSTS

The congress director questioned State Department and USIA claims that starting such broadcasts would require the acquisition of additional transmitters, boosting broadcasting costs.

"Hard evidence points to the fact that existing VOA transmitters in Europe are unused during significant periods of time. By using VOA transmitters efficiently the direct additional cost of instituting VOA broadcasting in Yiddish would be minimal," he wrote.

Maslow also took issue with a State Department claim that only a small number of Soviet Jews spoke Yiddish and that thosewho did also spoke another language in which the Voice of America already broadcast, thereby making Yiddish broadcasts redundant.

He cited the official 1970 census which stated that 17.7% of Soviet Jews, or 380,000 named Yiddish as their mother tongue.

Joe Ain to head Combined Jewish Appeal

Montreal - Joe Ain, president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, has been named general chairman of the Montreal Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund.

The Fund says the fall campaign would stress three areas of need -- "Russian Jewry, in the drive to free them from the bonds of the Soviet Union and re-establish them in Israel, the pressing needs of Israel in the fifth year of the emergency and the urgent needs of the home front, especially among youth where many badly-needed programs had not been implemented because of the urgency of overseas demands."

Soviets allow trickle to emigrate, but...

Anti-semitism still rages in Soviet lands

Prominent Jews arrested in Poland

London (JCNS) - Leib Domb, the former chairman of the Social and Cultural Union of Polish Jews was arrested with his wife on July 9 and the couple were jailed for a week. This news has just reached the West from reliable sources, the JCNS Special Correspondent on East European Affairs, writes.

The arrest is said to have taken place in the Polish holiday resort of Zakopane. No charges were preferred. They were in Zakopane helping to make a film about Domb's exploits during World War II when he headed the Red Orchestra, the Soviet spy network in Western Europe, operating mainly in France.

The Belgian director of the film, Gilles Perrault, a journalist who wrote a book about the Red Orchestra, was expelled from Poland when the Dombs were arrested.

At the end of the war in 1945 Domb left France for the Soviet Union, where he was decorated for his exploits and given a high post in the Soviet intelligence organization.

In 1949 he was sent to a labor camp as a result of the anti-Jewish campaign launched by Stalin, but was released and rehabilitated after 1953, when Stalin died.

Later, he went to Poland and was elected chairman of the Social and Cultural Union of Polish Jews in 1962. When Poland's anti-Zionist campaign began in 1968, he relinquished the post.

The many applications by the Dombs and their family to be allowed to emigrate to Israel have been consistently refused by the authorities.

Intellectuals claim national rekindling

Haifa (JCNS). - Two immigrant Soviet-Jewish intellectuals who arrived in Israel last week, said that the spark of national self-determination kindled among Soviet Jews was not a passing phenomenon.

"There is now no power on earth that can suppress the Jewish awakening in the Soviet Union. The roots are so deep, the contents so rich, that every attempt at suppression will have only the opposite effects," 57 year old Eliezer Podriatchik, of Riga, an authority on Jewish literature, said.

His remarks were echoed by his wife, Dina Roitkop, a well-known Yiddish actress. Both are studying Hebrew at an immigrant absorption centre in Haifa.

Podriatchik contributed articles to the Moscow Yiddish monthly Sovietisch Heimland founded 10 years ago, until he left Riga.

"I do not believe in miracles, but I find it difficult to explain the Jewish reawakening in the USSR otherwise," he said.

"The Six Day War only strengthened and deepened it. But it actually started in 1947 when Jews in Russia who did not know where Israel was on the map, argued vehemently for and against the United Nations partition plan.

It was nursed silently during the Stalin era, when we were afraid even to think of Israel. And now it has grown so strong that no threat of a exile to Siberia can stamp it out again."

EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

Podriatchik also said that the Russian Jew's feeling towards Israel manifested itself either in a demand for Jewish national life in the Soviet Union, or in a tremendous insistence for emigration to Israel.

"The latter is especially strong among young Jews. People without knowledge of Yiddish and even less of Judaism are pressing to leave for Israel. And they are pulling their parents along with them."

He recalled that a short while ago a young Riga Jew had brought him a typewritten manuscript of a book on the origins and meanings of Judaism, which he had written with his Christian wife, and asked him to review it. "The book was childish, its ideas taken from whatever sources they were able to obtain. But they symbolized the Soviet-Jewish determination to remain Jewish," he said.

Deny exit permits to mother, son

New York (JCNS). - Exit permits have again been denied to Mrs. Esther Markish and her son David, with no reason given by the Soviet authorities. Mrs. Markish is the widow and David the son of the Soviet Yiddish writer, Peretz Markish, murdered on Stalin's orders on August 12, 1952.

News of the latest rejection of the Markish's applications for exit permits was given by Mrs. Markish herself in a telephone conversation with a representative here of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Moses L. Feuerstein, former president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations reported here this week that Mrs. Silva Zalmanson is in poor physical and mental condition.

Mrs. Zalmanson, 27, who is reported to be in the notorious Potma Labor Camp in central Moldovia, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment at the December, 1970 "hijacking" trial in Leningrad. She was pregnant at the time of her arrest in June of last year.

Her husband, Edward Kuznetsov, was sentenced to death at the same trial, but was reprieved after worldwide protests and sentenced instead to life imprisonment.

Feuerstein, who visited six cities in the course of a 17 day visit to the Soviet Union, said that Soviet Jews told him that Mrs. Zalmanson could not be able to survive for very long in her present condition.

The long search for a relative's grave

by Moshe Ron

More than 25 years have passed since the tragedy of the Jewish people in Nazi-occupied Europe. Six million Jews have perished. The Jewish people and others have not forgotten these atrocities and the horror scenes which appeared before American, British and Russian soldiers, when they entered the concentration camps in Europe.

Only few survived this tragedy. They do not know even the sites of the graves of their near relatives who were murdered in the holocaust. For them, finding such a grave is a kind of comfort. They can visit it and mourn their beloved.

One of them is Jacob Myuscel from the village of Krassnik in the Lubin area. He lives today in Springfield, USA. A few months ago a letter was received by the Israel Defense Minister, Moshe Dayan, from Seymour Weiss, the Springfield rabbi, to try to help the unhappy Myuszel find the grave of Yehoshua Flug, who was a close relative of his.

Rabbi Weiss wrote in his letter that Myuczel is a lonesome man now, who has not set up a new family in the U.S., as he cannot free himself from the shock of the Nazis having killed all his relatives in the Krassnik Ghetto and in Majdanek. After being freed by the Allies from a concentration camp and after emigrating to the U.S., he found out that only one of his numerous relatives, a son of his sister, Yehoshua Flug, had been saved and had gone to Palestine. He died in 1948 after a long illness which had developed in the concentration camp due to hunger and pain. Since then, Myuczel only had one desire: to visit the grave of his relative in Israel and to say kaddish.

Rabbi Weiss told Dayan Myuczel had come to Israel from the U.S. 8 months ago and had searched for several weeks for the grave of his relative, all over the country. He could not find it. Completely broken and desperate, he returned to the U.S. Rabbi Weiss explains his appeal to the defense minister: As Flug served in the Israeli army, there might be a possibility of finding his personal details in the military archives.

Moshe Dayan, who is very busy with security and military matters, was deeply moved by this human story and issued orders to find all details available about the late Yehoshua Flug.

After making enquiries which lasted for weeks and comprised many ministries and government institutions, the director of the department for contacts with civiliams in the Israeli defense ministry, Shraga Ben Moshe, appealed to Rabbi Yedidia Frankel in Tel Aviv, who is an expert on Polish Jews in Israel, to help the Defense Ministry in this matter.

Rabbi Frankel studied the letter of Rabbi Weiss carefully and found the key to finding Flug's grave. Rabbi Weiss told him in the letter that Myuszel had received the news that a citizen of Tel Aviv called Jacob Yehoshua had dealt with the burial of Flug, but he could not get any information as to his whereabouts, because he did not know his family name.

Raboi Frankel remembered that, about 30 years ago, Jacob Yehoshua Nussbaum had lived in the Florentine Quarter in Tel Aviv and had afterwards moved from there. He looked in the telephone book and phoned everyone with the name Nussbaum. He was very surprised to suddenly hear the voice of Jacob Yehoshua Nussbaum, who had once lived in the neighborhood.

Nussbaum remembered that he had dealt once with the burial of Flug from Krassnik, more than twenty years ago. He was most surprised to hear that somebody takes an interest in this matter after such a long time. He remembered the grave of Flug in the Nachlat Yitzhak cemetery in Tel Aviv and could even tell the whereabouts of the grave.

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Early next morning, Rabbi Frankel visited the cemetery and found among the graves with beautiful tombstones, a lonely grave with only a placard on it, saying that this was the grave of Yehoshua Flug. Rabbi Frankel said a prayer and asked forgiveness from the dead, that for such a long time nobody had visited his grave and said kaddish.

From the cemetery he went into a Post Office and cabled Rabbi Weiss in the U.S. that he had found the grave of Yehoshua Flug and all the details about it. He also sent a photo of the grave to the address of Jacob Myuczel. A few days later a letter arrived from Myuszel with heartfelt thanks. Myuszel informed him that in the near future he would come to Israel to pray at Flug's grave and to erect a tombstone on it.

Seek new missiles

New York (JCNS).- Israel has been pressing the United States to supply her with a new tactical field missile, the Lance, according to the New York Times. The paper reported from Washington that the first request for the Lance, which has not yet been supplied to the American forces, was made by the Israelis several months ago. They "pressed (their request) more insistently last week, during the visit to Israel by Joseph Sisco, the American assistant secretary of state for Near East Affairs, the New York Times said.

The Lance missile is reported to have a range of more than 50 miles and can be fitted with a special warhead containing a large number of high-explosive bombs. It could be used to destroy the Soviet missile sites along the west bank of the Suez Canal.

The Israelis have reportedly told the Americans that the Lance would be the best single means of deterrence and would dissuade the Egyptians from resuming the shooting along the Suez Canal.

King Solomon lives in Haifa Beth Din

Jerusalem -- A man whom the rabbis had permitted to have two wives was asked last week by the women to choose between them - and divorce the other.

The story began in an Arab country where Yaacov wed Shoshana 15 years ago. They emigrated to Israel and settled in Haifa, but Shoshana never bore her husband a child. She herself suggested he marry a second wife for the specific purpose of having children, and found him a 20-year-old orphan girl whom they set up in an apartment in a moshav.

A Rabbinical court approved the arrangement, but as fate would have it, each of the wives said Yaacov spent too much time with the other, and urged that he should be required to make a choice between them.

The Beth Din, displaying collective Solomonic wisdom, ordered Yaacov to divide his nights between the two with strict impartiality, and this for a six-month trial period.

Government threat

Hospital workers return

Jerusalem (JCNS). - Administrative workers in Government and Kupat Cholim hospitals and clinics returned to work last Sunday. As for the doctors, they will start going back this week but only under threat of suffering the penalties of the emergency regulations which the Government decided to invoke if the strike went on.

Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, signed the order last Tuesday ordering some 2,000 doctors who had been causing havoc in the medical services to resume their duties after negotiations for pay increases had failed.

Based on the British Emergency Regulations of 1946, they provide for fines and imprisonment on those refusing ad administrative order to resume work. The same regulations will also be used against striking workers at the Elath electric power station whose labor dispute has reduced water supplies in the sun-baked town and affected air-conditioning installations.

The Knesset met to discuss Opposition motions on the labor situation. It only went into its summer recess recently.

Meanwhile, intensive consultations are continuing between the Government and the Histadrut to achieve some workable legislation which will ensure that contracts freely entered into between workers and employers will be honored by the former and not as has frequently been the case, abrogated by them even before their signatures on the agreements had dried.

The unprecedented procedure to have the emergency regulations signed by the Prime Minister herself and not by the minister in charge has been used after Victor Shemtov, the minister of health, violated government discipline by refusing to sign the work orders on instructions of his left-wing Mapam Party, despite the cabinet's decision.

Doctors refusing to resume full work will be liable to fines and up to six months imprisonment and to be discharged without severance pay. The fines are $750.

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United Jerusalem under attack; Arabs initiate propaganda campaign

The miracle of a united Jerusalem is under attack. Arab governments wish to tear apart the city once again, divide its people and its streets, re-erect the barbed wire and replace the guard posts.

For Israel, the status of Jerusalem is non-negotiable, its historic meaning is too profound to abandon. The city has worked too well, following its integration in 1967. The thousands who have visited Jerusalem have become quickly aware that it is a city of peace. The tensions which one might have imagined to exist between Arab and Jew are simply not in evidence. Arabs feel free to complain and to protest. Arab newspapers, free from censorship, challenge government policies as do all newspapers published in the democratic atmosphere of Israel.

Arab League propaganda efforts to persuade the world will be directed at undermining the reality of the city. The attack will take several forms.

First, there will be an effort to rewrite history. History, Arab style, will ignore the continuous, 2,000 year residence of Jews in Jerusalem. The same sources will ignore the Jordanian attack on the city in 1948 and the shelling of Jerusalem in 1967, in spite of Israel's plea to Hussein that he stay on the sidelines. They will not remind the world that the Arab Legion opened fire with its heavy guns against the civilian population of the city. Instead they will describe Israel as the aggressor.

Second, there will be concealment of facts. Arab propagandists, seeking to arouse latent Christian hostility towards Israel, will insinuate that Israel is driving Christians out of the Holy City. They will not mention the recently released statistics proving that there was an increasing, sizeable exodus of Christians from Jerusalem during the Jordanian administration, an exodus which Israel has not only stemmed but reversed. There are more Christians living in Jerusalem today than prior to 1967.

Arabs will whisper that access to the shrines by Christians and Muslims will be endangered by Jewish control. They will not reveal that under Jordanian rule Jews were not allowed access to the Wailing Wall. They will not mention the gross and willful desecration of synagogues and Jewish cemeteries under Jordanian rule. Nor will they recognize the meticulous respect and care which has been guaranteed under Jewish administration for the religious edifices of all religious groups.

Thirdly, the Arab clamour will distort the motives of the Israeli government.

For example, the urgent need to create new housing for Jerusalem's growing population, which is to be met by new apartment houses on the eastern boundaries of the city, apartments that will house both Arab and Jew, are described as a plot to "Judaize" the capital.

Neither distortion, nor concealment, nor evasion must be permitted to undo the miracle of Jerusalem's unity.

The Telegram and Toronto's Jews; the bitter-sweet of success

The Telegram continues to show its sensitivity to the changing composition of the city's population with its recent six-part series on Toronto's Jews.

Staff reporter John Marshall interviewed more than 50 persons for the stories—another profile in the paper's series on major ethnic groups. The Italian community was recently probed. Other minorities will also be described.

Marshall offered his conclusions in the first article in the series. He saw the Jewish community as sensitive, varied and unique. He was impressed by "their astonishing contribution to world society, vastly out of proportion to their numbers." "They are a source of a religion that has enveloped half the earth and shaped global civilization." He found it astounding that Jews include men such as Jesus, Freud, Spinoza, Marx, and Einstein. He noted that "They account for less than one twentieth of the Metro labor force, but make up nearly a fifth of the doctors and lawyers, an even greater proportion of dentists, more than a third of the pharmacists."

Marshall saw the Jew as an achiever. "They are statistical leaders in surveys of IQs, education standards, charitable contributions; are almost invisible in alcoholism statistics, insignificant in crimes of violence and very low in family desertion rates."

He recognized the anxiety that is the constant accompaniment of Jewish life. "He's learned that when the public spotlight is put on him it usually means trouble, up to the unthinkable of 6 million corpses."

Having adopted the Jewish idiom, Marshall asks "Who needs it?"

While one can't really debate his conclusions, one can make some criticisms of the way in which he gathered and presented his material.

There was a reliance on what are normally termed "establishment" figures. While this undoubtedly gives a clear picture of the Jewish community for those aged 40 and over, Marshall obviously leaves out any penetrating analysis of the new generation.

While the article is highly complimentary to both the Jewish community and individual Jews, it has a quality of being almost "too good" and requiring an astringent to cut the taste and reach a sterner reality.

All of this reminds one of the case-hardened Jewish social worker who after 20 years of counselling tumultuous Jewish families, found herself at an international social work conference. Seated at a table with her was a colleague from a non-Jewish social work agency.

"I am really very impressed with the quality of the Jewish family," gushed the colleague. "Your people don't desert their families; they don't divorce nearly as frequently as ours; they have almost no alcoholism; and the illegitimacy and delinquency rate is almost trivial.

"One gets a sense," she burbled on, "of great warmth and great unity. It must be wonderful to belong to such an enveloping culture."

The Jewish social worker snapped her breadstick and replied, "It's true, they don't divorce nearly as often, they don't desert their wives and children and they rarely get drunk. They just stay together and nag each other to death!"

Anyway, Mr. Marshall, drop by any time and see us again.

Josepha the free

Babysitting clashes with matchmaking

by Ephraim Kishon

This story isn't going to be appreciated by anyone except professional parents, students and babies. It is the story of a Hebrew babysitter or, more specifically, our own last-before-one.

Ever since we moved into the southern end of town we have become partisans of academic babysitting. From time to time we pick out a pretty student from the nearby campus, philosophy and archaeology by preference, and give her the run of our brood. The kids take to them easily and everything looks dandy till, one day, the big machine starts to creak and our dish isn't free in the evenings any more, and she's got exams, or she's only got Wednesday, and even then she's cramming together with Gideon, and we come home on Wednesday and they're both on the couch with ears pink from studying and the cushions are crumpled and Gideon is combing his hair. And the wife says to me:

"That little hussy's already found herself someone . . ."

And that, as a rule, puts a stop to the meteoric career of a babysitter, and the next student enters the picture.

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This time it was Josepha.

She aroused great hopes at her very first, self-effacing appearance -- so small, so fragile, so bespectacled. The little woman took her for a girl of 13, but it turned out she had already passed 20 on her spindly legs. Josepha invariably wore slacks, and instead of speaking she rustled, a few words at a time and with lowered eyes. Numerous moles studded her white face and she was altogether a little mole herself. In brief: an ideal, long-play babysitter.

And indeed, Josepha bore out our shrewd evaluation to the full. She would show up on the dot, rustle a "shalom" and settle down in the kids' room to copy out something into umpteen notebooks.

She never read, she never wrote, she just copied all the time, and that got on our nerves rather, but we swallowed it because after all no one is perfect except Golda. Besides, Josepha differed from all the rest of our academic babysitters in one striking quality: she was always free. Any time we would ring her up on the phone she would whisper unhesitating:

"I'm free."

"Could you come a bit earlier?"

"Yes."

"And stay later?"

"Yes."

And before long she would come to copy, silently and with lowered eyes. At night I used to take her home in an absolute hush. Only once I cracked and asked her what they were teaching these days at her faculty, and Josepha rustled into the darkness:

"Thank you."

And that put an end to our lively conversation. But otherwise she was a model sitter - soundproof, never engaged, always Josepha. We were very happy with her, and the kids too respected her monastic silence despite her thinness. Now and then we would invite her to join us for supper but she always refused, in deadly fear of something. My wife was of the opinion that she never ate.

"The poor kid," mused the wife one barren night, "it just isn't natural that a young girl like that should always be free."

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The symptom was really worrying. Morning and evening and a quarter past thee in the afternoon - Josepha is always ready to copysit. Once we rang her up at 11.45 p.m. when all the crickets had already fallen asleep outside:

"Are you free?"

"Yes."

"Can you come right away?"

"Yes."

The wife replaced the receiver with moist eyes:

"It's tragic," she muttered, "she hasn't got any one, no one in the whole wide world . . ."

This period of heartfelt commiseration and pangs of social conscience lasted a full month. Then I found my wife getting a bit mad at her.

"Must say I find it peculiar," grumbled the wife, "she's got an emotional block simewhere, that girl has . . ."

The problem began to occupy my wife and she showed signs of deep psychological upset. Sometimes, following a call to sit, she would pound the wall with her fist:

"She's free again! Free!"

That Saturday the little woman slipped out of bed at 2.30 a.m. and sleepwalked to the phone:

"Josepha, are you free?"

"Yes."

"Now?!"

"Yes."

"Thanks, no need . . ."

By then she nursed a fierce hatred for her. She had concluded that Josepha must be mad. Something hereditary no doubt, something from her infancy. A vision of Joseph at 12 appeared before our eyes, sitting in class and looking like seven most likely:

"Here are my favourite pupils," says the teacher. "Tirza the brainy, Ziva the naughty and Josepha the free . . ."

What shall I tell you? Last Independence Day she was free. Yes indeed, on Independence Day! All that day she babysat, and copied all night till dawn. The little one nearly wept:

"That a girl her age shouldn't have at least one wretched boy," the kind woman sobbed. "What's she going about in pants for on those two matchsticks all the time, why doesn't she get rid of those moles, what does she think she is . . .?"

The wife claimed that Josepha's eyes were perfect and that she only wore spectacles to put off potential suitors. I was afraid that if the problem wasn't solved my wife would soon lose her emotional balance. I consulted a doctor and as a result of his advice asked the neighbours' grown sons to drop in one evening under the flimsiest of excuses. Josepha sat at the table and copied, totally paralyzed. She would offer the boys her damp and flustered hand like a broken wing and rustle without looking up:

"Josepha . . ."

The wife just went to pieces.

"That's no Josepha," she groaned, "that's a Joseph!"

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The turning point came in the shape of Naftali, little-Ronit-on-our-left's big brother. This hefty, hairy-legged fellow wasn't put off by our frozen babysitter like the other candidates, but sat down by her side and followed the copying with deep interest, speechless as yet, but still . . . In the end they shook hands again, as my wife informed me from her observation point, and passions began to flare.

"Maybe," whispered the woman, "maybe now . . ."

That Tuesday it happened. The wife rang Josepha to ask if she'd be free tonight, and the line hummed with the sensational reply:

"No."

"What, no?" said the woman.

"I'm busy . . ."

It was a triumph of sheer willpower over an unparalleled social depression.

We stayed home basking in the joy of creation and said Hagomel.

Josepha has found herself someone at last, is not maddeningly free any more, is on the way to complete recovery, thank God. It gives me pleasure to inform the public at large that from that Tuesday things began to move at a pace.

"Sorry," rustled Josepha into the mouthpiece, "I'm engaged."

"Engaged," she had said like a big girl. Delightful.

"And tomorrow?"

"Only till nine . . ."

That is to say, a normalization of international relations. We were as proud as peacocks. We'd got the poor girl back on the track after all, had saved a Jewish maiden, hadn't we? So we sat in our spacious home, very satisfied, except that it bothered us a little that we were sitting at home, as I said, unable to go out because of Josepha. Outrageous, in fact. After all, one might have expected some loyalty from a frivolous slip of a girl whom a man has so to say lifted out of the gutter with his own two hands.

When the rumour reached us that Josepha and Naftali were seen walking together by moonlight while we ourselves were confined to barracks the woman's dam burst:

"The little hussy!" she wailed, "the first boy that whistles and she goes crawling on all fours . . ."

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We'd have traded in the little sex-maniac for another copyist without a quiver but for the attachment of the kids, who had meanwhile grown used to the world of silence. So we just swallowed the recurring insult of her "Sorry, I'm not free. . ."

The cup of bitterness overflowed on the dark night of July 21. We were coming home from the movies, and noticed a young couple under the lamplight. Him and her, who else? Walking at leisure in the middle of the night in pregnant silence . . .

"Good night," rustled Josepha as they passed us, whereupon the little one could contain herself no longer:

"I thought, my dear," she spat at the little hussy, "that you were preparing for exams!"

"She studies all the time," Naftali leaped to her defence, "she's been babysitting for us and I'm just taking her home now . . ."

Josepha's eyes plunged to hitherto unknown depths, and her fragile figure with the fake moles vanished through the mist. The woman mumbled ancient oaths and I swore, there and then in the middle of the road, that henceforth I'd take on nothing but dishes, nothing but smashing blonde dishes, dammit.

ask the rabbi

1. Why is the Kiddush on the Sabbath specifically recited at the table where one eats?

RESPONSE:

One of the medieval commentaries (Rashbam, Pesahim 101A) traced this to a passage in the Bible which proclaims "Ye shall call the Sabbath a delight" (Isaiah 53:13) meaning that wherever there is delight (e.g., a meal) the Sabbath should be announced as a feature of this delight. This is done by reciting the Kiddush. Generally, it is the recitation of the Kiddush which converts a meal into a higher level of experience where it might otherwise simply be a mere physical activity.

2. Why is the tradition of counting the days and weeks between the Passover and Shevuouth Festivals known by the name of "Omer"?

RESPONSE:

The word "Omer" refers to the sheaf of barley which was offered on the first night after the first day of Passover. It was exactly at this time that the count began and the count is always reckoned from the day the barley offering was made in the ancient temple. It is, therefore, referred to as the counting of the "Omer" which really meant to say that it is the count which began when the "Omer" was offered.

3. Are the children of a marriage in which the mother is Sephardi and father is Ashkenazi considered Sephardi or Ashkenazi?

RESPONSE:

The question presumably refers to instances where the Sephardi rites and customs differ from the Ashkenazi. Which should the children follow? The practice is for the children to follow the father and the same would apply, of course, where the father is Sephardi and the mother Ashkenazi.

The truth is that, according to a ruling given in the fifteenth century, the wife, too, should follow the rites and customs of her husband (see H.J. Zimmels: "Ashkenazim and Sephardim", London, 1958, p. 338).

4. I recently heard that when a rabbi dies his widow is not allowed to remarry. Is this true? And how about the rabbi—if his wife dies, may he remarry?

RESPONSE:

There is no such law and there never has been. There is a story in the Babylonian Talmud (Baba Metzia 84b) of the widow of a rabbi who rejected the proposal of another rabbi but that was because she believed her first husband to be so superior that the second man was not worthy of taking his place. This was obviously a purely personal reaction in that particular case, the historicity of which is in any event in doubt. There are many records of both rabbis marrying the widows of other rabbis and of rabbis who were widowers marrying again.

Letters to the editor

Opposes withdrawal along Suez

Dear Editor:

I hope that the pressure of the U.S. State department on Israel will not result in Israel agreeing to take steps that it will regret. It is easy for an outsider who has no responsibility to carry out ideas, to have ideas. On the other hand, while I have every confidence in the Government of Israel and in the wisdom of their decisions, I think it does not hurt for them to know that there are millions of Jews and supporters of Israel who are prepared to back Israel even if it does not accede to the U.S. request.

Israel is now in the most secure position geographically that it has had since its existence. There is no reason why it should withdraw one inch from any of the territory now occupied by it until such time as there has been a peace agreement ironed out, face to face, by the parties involved. So long as Egypt refuses to sit down with Israel, one cannot give credence to its bald statement that it is willing to make peace with Israel. You cannot make peace with someone you are not prepared to meet.

It must not be forgotten that in 1962, when Sadat was merely an assistant of Nasser, he said: "Israel is an artificial and abnormal state, without historical connection to its land. If we persist in our unwillingness to put up with it, the whole world will get tired of supporting it."

There is no indication that he has changed his mind. We must also not forget that very recently, in 1971, the newspaper Al Aharam that usually speaks for the Egyptian Government said: "The defined goals prevailing the Arab arena at this stage, are two only: Annulment of the results of the aggression of 1948 - by the annulment of Israel, altogether." We have no evidence that Egypt has changed its mind.

Recently when a cease fire was agreed upon on the condition that neither side move any weapons nearer the canal, it didn't take many minutes before the Egyptians and the Russians started moving SAMs toward the canal. Complaints to the United States and to the United Nations made no difference. If Israel now moves back 25 miles as requested, what assurance has it that these 25 miles will not be filled with Egyptian and Russian troops and with all types of destructive equipment.

If Egypt is sincere in its desire to open the Suez Canal and is not just trying to obtain by diplomacy what it cannot obtain by war, then why doesn't Egypt accept the U.S. guarantee that Israel will not interfere with the opening of the canal. Israel has never broken its word. It is obvious that Egypt wants to send its troops across the canal as a first step in doing something further.

Then, there is always the question that no matter how willing the U.S. Government at this moment is to help Israel, there will be an election in 1972 and nothing that the present government can do, can bind the persons who will then be elected. Even if the Israeli government feels that the pressure on it is so great that it must accept a deal of 110 Phantoms in consideration of moving back 25 miles, then I hope they will say that they will move back when the 110 Phantoms have been delivered.

To merely get an agreement that they will be delivered at some future date, and to move back now, doesn't do very much good. 110 Phantoms take a long time to deliver. Israeli pilots will have to go the the United States to learn to operate these Phantoms, and then there may be a possibility that Israel will be strong enough to overcome any army that might be in those 25 miles.

Israel is now in a strong position. They have the capability, if necessary, of destroying the Aswan Dam, no matter how well it is defended, and that could flood large parts of Egypt. Egypt should realize that you cannot go to war three times and constantly win the war by diplomacy after you have lost it on the battlefield. Israel should stay where it is until there has been a peace conference and an agreement at that conference.

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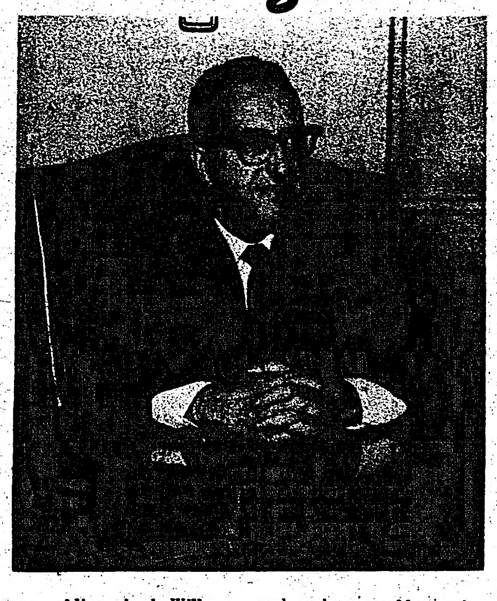
Support Public Schools, veteran trustee urges

by Saul Cowan



The growing pressures for government aid to private and parochial day schools comes at a time when the whole concept of the public school is under critical attack from students, parents, taxpayers, religious groups, journalists and professional educators. This is the time chosen by some Jewish groups to join the forces of disintegration.

The Jewish people of Toronto, and indeed Jews everywhere, have been the most ardent supporters of the public school. This was not only because Jews have always practised literacy, pursued a culture demanding great intellect and chosen vocations and professions which called for a high degree of mental development. The Jews always had an instinctive feeling that the safety of minorities was advanced by the unifying force of a public school in which all children and adults shared a common heritage of democratic teaching and practice, common cultural activities and personal acquaintance with other languages and religious groups.

The most basic arguments against government aid to private schools are rarely mentioned. How many times have I tried to explain a problem of the public school only to be told by a parent that she really was not terribly concerned since her child attended a private school. At a time when we should be doing everything in our power to raise the levels of achievement of the public school we abandon it to those who do not believe in evolution, or the germ theory of disease, or the equality of races. We abandon the public school to the million idiosyncrasies of thought and belief held by 1,000 sects.

At least if a teacher so much as utters a derogatory remark about minority groups or makes an interpretation of a current event which we consider biased or unfair, we can protest and gain redress because it is our public school. Will we have the same rights of redress in a dozen other groups of schools? Will we even know what goes on there? Will our people be in home and school groups to protect the standards of fair teaching? Will we leave it to an inspector to protect us?

Another important intangible needs to be examined. If all religious groups have their own curricula as well as their secular ones will they choose teachers who are acquainted only with the secular program? What happens to Jewish teachers who apply to Dutch Reformed, Seventh Day Adventist, Greek Orthodox or other school groups? Will they be placed just as easily? Or will we be closing the doors to opportunity for our young people?

Suddenly, after 2,000 years of survival a sizeable minority of Jews has become vocal and hysterical about Jewish survival. They have lost faith in the power of Judaism to hold its youth.

Just as large families and excessive consumption of goods are fast becoming a crime in a world growing smaller and more related, so we must change our priorities in the light of changing demands. Let the rabbis and synagogues assert their moral authority to demand standards of conduct and sacrifice. Any community that can make the sacrifices it did in the hour of Israel's crisis can find funds to support its basic educational needs without destroying the public school.

In the meantime, we can take advantage of the growing flexibility of the public school to teach those subjects of interest to all groups, religious and national, be it their history, culture, or language. The public school is ready to reach out to satisfy these needs of all groups as subjects for study and, I believe, even for credit. To take advantage of this possibility does not mean to abandon the need for Jewish day schools. We can thus bridge the period of time until society has reached a level of understanding and sympathy where it can safely have many public school systems.

Background to the news

Sadat policy dominated by fatal paradox
Egyptian bargaining position weakened

by Sol I. Littman

This Sunday's New York Times was peculiarly low on news from the Middle East. In all of the weighty substance of the Times there was only one small news item reporting on the continuing confrontation between Israel and her Arab neighbours. It was not until one reached the Week in Review section that the Middle East received its due and there was the usual expert summary of the week's events; Sisco in Jerusalem; Jordan and Syria in armed struggle; Arrest and execution in Sudan; President Sadat of Egypt insisting that time was running out.

The New York Times theorized that one year and one week after the cease fire began along the Suez canal, that signs of accord are as remote as ever. However, John L. Hess, the Times analyst, considers that the Egyptian bargaining position has been disastrously weakened. The Egyptians, naturally blame the United States, claiming that Nixon failed to place pressure on Israel to withdraw from the Sinai.

Writing from Cairo, Hess regards Sadat's threat of an early resumption of hostilities, presumptuous.

"When President Anwar el-Sadat proclaims that this is the year of decision," says the Times writer, "observers recall that he also had said that last March was the month of decision. Editorials here imply that he has more than four months to seek some other way out."

The New York Times summary suggests that Egyptian policy is dominated by a fatal paradox. On the one hand, recent tradition insists on proclaiming Arab strength, manhood and inevitable victory; on the other hand, virtually all of the government and the middle and upper classes are profoundly convinced that a resumption of hostilities would produce a resounding defeat.

ON THE NORTHERN BORDER OF JORDAN LIES SYRIA

While all was quiet along the Suez, Syria broke off relations with Jordan and barred her airspace to Jordanian planes as a result of a series of frontier clashes.

For three days in a row Syrian and Jordanian forces clashed as tanks and artillery exchanged fire. Jordan stated that the border clash that lead to the break in diplomatic relations between the Arab states was caused by Syria's failure "to keep a tight rein on the guerrillas." As King Hussein has continued to crack down on the Fatah and Palestine Liberation forces he has taken a leaf from Israel's handbook on how to deal with terrorists.

Israel's success in dealing with terrorist forces has been, in part, because she is prepared to follow retreating forces across the border onto Arab territory. Periodic retaliation raids also prevent guerrillas from developing a secure homebase—a necessity in this type of warfare. King Hussein, relentless in his pursuit of the Fatah foces, has undoubtedly given chase on Syrian territory.

Jordan is now repeating Israel's formula, "Keep those fellows on your side of the border or you will find our forces bringing the war to your villages."

AND IN FAR AWAY CHINA

Near East Report has suggested that if President Nixon can meet with Chairman Mao Tse-tung, there is no reason why President Sadat cannot, hopefully, meet with Premier Golda Meir.

However, the article points out that the People's Republic of China is unique. It is the one major power in the world which still opposes any Arab-Israel accomodation and all UN moves toward a political settlement. China has even opposed the ceasefire as a product of a Soviet-American conspiracy.

It is to be hoped that China's imminent entry into the UN will end her longstanding isolation and produce a more realistic, knowledgeable view of Middle Eastern affairs. In the past, Peking has actively backed Arab extremism. It has provided Arafat with arms, and has provided much of the ideological underpinning for Habash's band.

The Soviet Union, eager not to risk being outdone in the Near East, has poured on the gifts, loans and weapons to Arab states. Russia's support of Fatah was, in part, based on the fear that the guerrilla forces would find a Chinese sponsor.

Although Israel was one of the very first states to recognize Mao's regime, China has never reciprocated. Early on, China declared the Middle East a second Viet Nam with Israel cast as the imperialist aggressor.

Ironically, Israel has never had any support from Nationalist China. Repeatedly, the Chiang Kai-Shek regime has supported Arab states in U.N. voting.

Autopsy controversy rages again in Israel

by Louis Rabinowitz

(Dr. Rabinowitz, who now lives in Israel, is former Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of Johannesburg.)

If there is one official report in Israel which is entirely objective and beyond the least shadow of doubt of prejudice or preconceived ideas, it is the report of the State Comptroller, Dr. I.E. Nebenzahl.

It is the latest annual report of the state comptroller which has revived the fierce controversy on the subject of autopsies which is again raging in Israel.

The performing of autopsies is regulated by a law of the Knesset, which is broadly based upon an agreement entered into in 1941 between the late Chief Rabbi, Dr. I. Herzog and Dr. Jassy, then head of the Hadassah Hospital.

In essence it provided that autopsies could be performed only after a certificate as to its need had been signed by three doctors, and that after the autopsy the organs should be gathered and given reverential burial.

There is not in the law nor was there in the agreement, any provision for the consent of the next of kin to the autopsy. This omission was not an oversight. Despite the existence of a clause to this effect in the laws of most modern countries, according to the halacha the next of kin have no rights over the body of a deceased person.

Had that law been rigidly applied, the controversy might well have been contained, but the report of the State Comptroller reveals a disturbing and almost wholesale disregard of the law in this respect. Statistics are given of the "illegal" autopsies performed in the various government hospitals during the year under review (the state comptroller supervises only government institutions). More than 3,000 autopsies in which the law had not been complied with were performed.

This is no isolated phenomenon. The widespread disregard of the law, from throwing litter in the streets to defiance of building regulations by contractors, and in the medical sphere the tremendous number of illegal abortions, is one of the most disturbing features of life in modern Israel.

Indisputable evidence of illegal autopsies has provided welcome fuel to the opsies has provided welcome fuel to the fire which the extremist firebrands are determined to keep burning, a fire which had largely subsided.

An ironical aspect of the controversy is that Hadassah, which has the lowest percentage of autopsies of any hospital is being made the target of attack, since the influence of these extreme elements is greatest in the capital. And although they claim to base themselves on halachic requirements, the agitators are concentrating on the one point for which, as stated, there is no halachic justification, a law providing for the previous consent of the next of kin.

There is no easy solution to the problem. It is a fact that no hospital in the world can receive accreditation as a teaching hospital unless it performs a certain minimum of autopsies, and the number at Hadassah, the largest and almost the main teaching hospital, is approaching that minimum.

Rigid adherence to the requirements of the existing law, and a more reverent attitude towards the act of autopsy and the disposal of the organs would do much to lessen the tension.

To my mind, however, there is only one long-term solution. The halachic prohibition against autopsies rests entirely upon the prohibition of nivvul ha-met, desecration of a corpse. (The added argument latterly being put forward that only a body buried in its entirety will be vouchsafed to enjoy the resurrection of the Messianic Age is a gross superstition which has no halachic basis).

The sacred duty of preserving and prolonging human life overrides this prohibition. That is common cause and the only difference lies in the interpretation of what constitutes pikuach nefesh, the saving of life, in this regard.

The late Rabbi Ben-Zion Uziel, Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel, went one step further, however. In his published responsa, "Mishpetei Uziel" he lays it down clearly and emphatically that nivvul hamet does not apply to autopsies performed for the purpose of medical research and in order to advance the frontiers of medical knowledge.

Until that principle is adopted the controversy will continue to rage.

Esperanto inventor sought peace through understanding

by David Nathan

(Esperanto, the international language devised by Lazarus Zamenhof, may become the Common Market's official language, if a suggestion made at the current World Congress of Esparantists is adopted.)

Ludovic Lazarus Zamenhof, inventor of Esperanto, the international language, was undoubtedly a great and good man filled with idealism and creative industry. It is difficult these days not to believe that he was a little naive as well.

For Zamenhof's dream, the driving force behind the language he created in 1887, was peace. He thought that by lifting the curse of Babel from mankind there would come understanding and that, with understanding, there could be no hatred.

Zamenhof was born in Bialystok, Poland, in 1859. Years later, at an Esperanto Congress, he told delegates: "In the streets of the unhappy town of my birth, savage men fell like wild beasts on peaceful citizens whose only crime was that they spoke a different language and believed in a different creed. For this their skulls were broken and their eyes gouged out - men and women, tottering old folk and helpless children . . . Even the worst of calumnies, the most devilish lies, could scarcely have borne such awful fruit had the people known each other, had there not stood between them walls high and thick!"

But there was no language walls in Germany 40 years ago, nor, for that matter, are there any in Ireland today. Sometimes it seems that, if only people did not understand each other, peace would have a better chance.

All the same Zamenhof, an opthalmic surgeon by profession, was a great practical visionary who, though a million people speak his language today, is largely forgotten. This is precisely what he wanted. He gave up all financial rights in Esperanto because "an international language is like a national one, common property."

And he wanted his connection with it to be forgotten for he realised that if it were too closely tied to his personality it would be buried alongside him.

All the same he must have been a rare fighter.

He was born into a fairly well-to-do Jewish household and his father was violently opposed to the idea of his son tinkering with words. What kind of future was there in that?

But by the time he was 18, young Zamenhof had invented his Lingwe Universale. At that point his father sent him to Moscow to study medicine, gave him a paltry allowance of a few roubles and then burnt all the Lingwe Universale manuscripts.

Zamenhof married when he was 32 and his wife, Clara, helped him re-create his universal language. Books were soon published in Esperanto and a small band of enthusiasts grew. The first international congress was held in Boulogne in 1905, the year of the great pogrom in Bialystock.

Zamenhof had just enough money to scrape up the fare from Warsaw to Paris. He was interviewed and photographed and made a member of the Legion of Honour.

It was at this point that he felt that the spirit of the language was being threatened by its very success.

Tolstoy had described it as "a movement helping to create the Kingdom of God which is the chief and only aim of human life." Zamenhof followed up the essay he called Hillelismo, in which he pointed out how the Jewish people could be of service to the world, with another essay, Homaranismo, in which he pleaded for justice and unity. It laid down the principles upon which the League of Nations was later founded.

But De Beautfort, head of the French Esperantists, declared: "Esperanto is a language and nothing but a language."

Zamenhof died in Warsaw in 1917 at the age of 68. In the middle of war and within earshot of the revolution in which Russians sharing a common language were butchering each other.

Summer holidays in Israel

by Geoffrey D. Paul

August is a wicked month if, like more than half of Israel's total population, you live in the tightly-packed coastal plain in and around Tel Aviv.

It is not just that the sun burns relentlessly down out of a solid blue sky (although we did manage a cloud or two and even a little rain in the north last week). The trouble is that in its burning it seems to extract the thick viscosity from the sea-bed and deposit it in steamy layers over everybody not encased in an air-conditioned flat or swimming pool.

This is the time that most Israelis (that is, those who can afford it and who are not involved in catering to the tourists who insist on coming here during the climatically worst month of the year) take to the hills. They choose either the hills of Cyprus if their income runs to the specially-priced package deals arranged with the Cyprus Tourist Department, or the hills of Galilee as a popular second choice.

Mad kids and Englishmen make for the south, for Elath and Sharm el Sheikh, baking now in a constant near-100 degree Fahrenheit heat. But if you want to find the holidaying Israeli on his home ground, you are more likely to do so in one of the tent or bungalow camps strung discreetly near Lake Tiberias or in a two-star hotel in nearby Safed.

Metullah on the Lebanese border also used to attract a lot of this "let's find a breath of air" trade, but since terrorists from the other side of the border lobbed a few mortar shells into the town a year or more ago, its popularity has waned.

Israelis have also discovered to an extent which the foreign tourist has yet to do, the excellence of the many kibbutz guest-houses. These now offer accommodation of a high standard (often a swimming pool, too) at a price which, for Israel, is reasonable.

The envied ones are the students, with cut-price tickets available to all points west, and the businessmen who have a knack of discovering little-publicised trade fairs in Switzerland, Spain and even Scotland at this time of the year.

Doctors also confirm that a surprising number of people in receipt of West German compensation payments find it necessary to take a "cure" at this period.

What to do with the kids (unless you are a parent of a large family in one of the impoverished quarters of a big city, in which case "holiday" is a meaningless word) is not a big problem in Israel.

Schools, scouts and youth groups arrange camping holidays in various parts of the country and supplementary programmes of days out in the forests and by the sea. Nearly everyone knows someone or has a relative on a kibbutz, and kibbutzim seem able to absorb innumerable kids with little hardship.

Then there is also the fact that most Israelis are doting parents and like to have the children with them. At least, that is what they will tell you in between screaming at little Zvika to come back in from the water or at Rina to come on down out of that filthy, ant-covered tree.

Terrorist killed in clash

Tel Aviv (JCNS) - Israeli forces attacked the area known as Fatahland across the ceasefire lines with Lebanon last week searching for terrorists and arms following increased sabotage activities along the border. One terrorist was killed and an Israeli soldier was slightly wounded in the clash.

(Fatahland is the name given to the hilly region in the Mount Hermon area of Lebanon where Arab terrorists have established bases for sabotage operations against Israel.)

More terrorists are reported to have reached the area since their defeat by King Hussein's forces in Jordan last month.

According to terrorist sources, one man was killed and four wounded when the Israelis shelled two villages.

Three Arabs, long wanted for terrorist activities in the Gaza Strip, were killed in a clash with an Israeli patrol in Rafah on Monday during a widespread search operation in the region. There were no Israeli casualties.

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North American Jewish Students Fund Appeal launched

by Douglas L. Greener and Marc Mishaan

Marc Mishaan, director of youth activities for the YMHA in New York City, is a former director of community services of Ner Israel Yeshiva College of Toronto. He is working on his doctorate at the New School for Social Research in New York. On Sept. 1 Douglas Greener will be assuming the position of managing editor of Israel magazine.

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The North American Jewish community is faced with a contemporary dilemma. Large numbers of young people are reacting to Jewish needs with icy indifference, while those who are committed to Jewish life are growing increasingly hostile to the community's attempts to further Americanize the Jew. As a result, Jewish student and young adult groups are moving in what they consider the direction of Jewish tradition. With an eye towards the vital needs of a nation which must survive both inside and outside the State of Israel, leading component groups of the Jewish youth renaissance in the U.S. have recently launched a North American Jewish Students Appeal.

This is a long overdue declaration of their economic and psychological independence.

The youth rebellion of the past half-decade left its mark on Jewish youth. They have experimented with new approaches towards thir Jewishness -- religious and secular, Zionist and Bundist, left, right and revolutionary. In the past two or three years they have banded together to learn more about themselves, publish magazines and newspapers, agitate for the needs of their people in Israel and the Soviet Union, and "zionize" (radicalize) their as-yet-unawakened brothrs and sisters on the campus.

The ultimate aim of the North American Jewish Students Appeal is to serve as a centralized fund for these kinds of independent and national Jewish youth groups. Dozens of such groups which have sprung up across North America.

The Appeal will facilitate their independent existence, giving them the chance to experiment with new programs, unhindered by the restrictive attitudes of the adult world.

Even though the North American Jewish Students Appeal will not officially vie for funds with other local or regional Jewish student groups, it is clear that the Appeal will seek to redress a glaring inequality in the way in which Jewish federation and welfare funds -- from coast to coast -- have been apportioning their collected revenues.

Much of the money spent by the major American Jewish organizations and community funds for their local "needs" is poured into projects with little or no Jewish content. Vast sums are spent on community hospitals, guidance centers and clinics, non-sectarian "Y"s, sociological studies, and public relations activities. The miniscule amount of money that is spent on youth is channeled either into the full and part-time Jewish schools or into youth movements tightly controlled by parent organizations which seek to raise children in their own image.

A major failure of the American Jewish community has been its inability to cope with the new, independent Jewish student an activist groups. Their gestation was neglected, their birth unexpected, and their maturation feared.

According to Robert Goldman, a Jewish student leader from Boston who directs the Appeal, the organized Jewish community's "refusal to undertake responsibility for fostering Jewish creativity and survival for our contemporaries whom we most respect must be seen as a reflection of the contempt of our elders either for Judaism or for us," Goldman soundly condemns the Jewish community for "turning its future poets and prophets into beggars," and he claims that Jewish youth now "have no choice but to go out on our own and find the means to guarantee our own survival."

The six founding constituent members of the Appeal represent the diverse nature of the Jewish student movement in America. They include the Jewish Student Press-Service, the North American Jewish Students' Network, a communications umbrella for campus groups, Response, a student-edited journal, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, Yavneh, the Association of Orthodox university students and Yugntruf - Youth for Yiddish, a band of students dedicated to the preservation and continuance of Yiddish language and literature.

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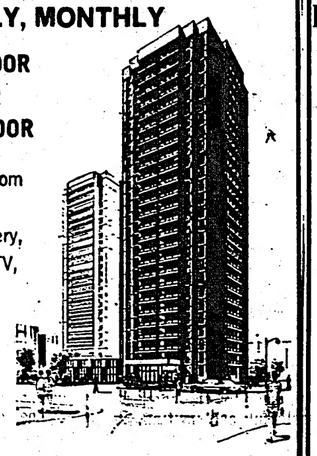

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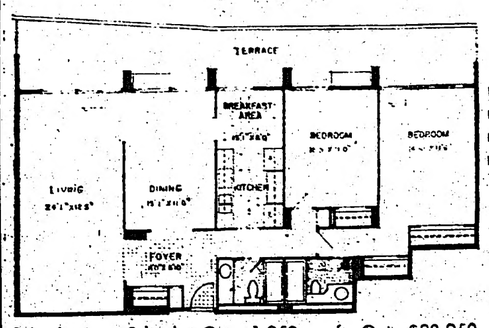

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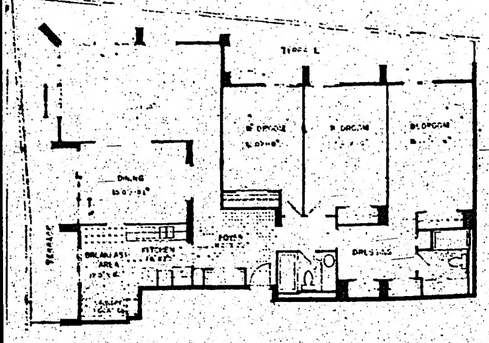

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Our film folk

Dustin Hoffman graduates to Harry Kellerman

by Herbert G. Luft

Dustin Hoffman, in his current film with the oddly winding title of Who Is Harry Kellerman And Why Is He Saying Those Terrible Things About Me?, portrays a guitar-strumming rock and roll musician who is making a fortune composing for the recording market and the night club stage. The character of Georgie Saloway is in a perpetual state of shock about his unbelievable success in the entertainment industry and about his failure to communicate in his private life with his fellow men, especially with girls - - thereby attributing hostilities to a "good" friend who seemingly smears him about town. But everything is just in his mind and it turns out that Georgie himself is Kellerman, probing self-critical into his subconsciousness; more profoundly than his psychiatrist whom he has been seeing regularly without any results.

Dustin Hoffman himself in his earlier life wanted to be a jazz pianist. A complete unknown in the cinema a mere four years ago, fame and fortune came so unexpectedly fast to him and remained so unreal, that he saw the need for a "head-shrinker" to explain himself and find his equilibrium. There is a slight difference between the actor and the character he portrays in Harry Kellerman. Hoffman is happily married and has two children.

Dustin appears to everyone as a product of New York City. However, he was born in Los Angeles and studied acting at the Pasadena Playhouse. Upon graduation, he headed for the East Coast to enroll with Lonny Chapman and later Lee Strasberg while earning a meagre living demonstrating toys at Macy's, waiting on tables and checking coats in restaurants, and dispensing soft drinks at the Longacre Theatre.

His perserverance finally paid off when he landed the title role in a Sarah Lawrence College production of Gertrude Stein's Yes Is For A Very Young Man and subsequently made his Broadway debut with a one-word walk-on in A Cook For Mr. General. Dustin then played a hunchbacked homosexual Nazi in the American Place Theatre production of Harry, Noon And Night, followed with the portrayal of a middle aged eccentric Russian clerk in his off-Broadway Obie success of Journey Of The Fifth Horse. Next he appeared as a cockney plumber in Henry Livings' English farce Eh?, directed by Alan Arkin, a role winning him an invitation from Mike Nichols to test for The Graduate. While in Hollywood Hoffman sandwiched in a tiny screen part, his very first one, in Eli Wallach's The Tiger, from the play by Murray Schisgal, that amounted to one line of dialogue.

I met Dustin Hoffman when he accepted the Golden Globe Award for The Graduate in February of 1968 at a time when I was president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. He was rather shy then and in his network televised acceptance speech thanked the clappers, a word coined by him fittingly. Following his success in the Joseph E. Levine picture, he returned to New York to play the character of Ratso Rizzo in director John Schlesinger's controversial film, Midnight Cowboy, which earned United Artists lots of money and him his second Academy Award nomination. He returned to Broadway in Jimmy Shine, by the same Murray Schisgal who unwittingly had supplied him with the vehicle for his inconspicuous motion picture debut. In the meantime, he filmed John And Mary in New York with Mia Farrow co-starring. The motion picture, Little Big Man supplied Hoffman with the challenge to portray Jack Crabb, a fictional 121 year old survivor of General Custer's "last stand," under Arthur Penn's direction.

David Burns, who portrays Dustin Hoffman's father, a nice old Jewish man who cannot understand the mentality of his offspring, died right after the completion of Who Is Harry Kellerman, his very last screen role. His performing legacy included the original characterization of half-millionaire Horace Vandergelder in the Broadway musical, Hello Dolly. Also seen in the current Cinema Center production are Jack Warden as Dr. Moses, the half-crazed psychiatrist, Rose Gregorio who had appeared with Hoffman on the stage in the Schisgal comedy, and Gabriel Dell who was seen in New York last in Elaine May's Adaptation.

Hoffman believes that Harry Kellerman is his best work to date. Everyone admired his characterization but a few were able to fathom the deeper meaning of the film.

Weather watchers observe centenary

Did you know that less snow falls in the Arctic than practically anywhere else in Canada, or that daylight saving time was invented here? This information comes from the Canadian Meteorological Sercice which is currently celebrating its hundredth anniversary.

The Canadian Meteorological Service was officially recognized by the Federal Government in 1871 with a grant of 5,000 dollars. In 100 years the Meteorological Service has become an important scientific and technical agency with a 38 million dollar budget, and 200 meteorologists.

Early weather forecasts were used only to warn Canadian shipping of impending storms. These warnings were telegraphed from Toronto to volunteers at coastal communities along the St. Lawrence Channel and the Great Lakes. Large wicker baskets were hoisted onto tall towers with the shape of the basket indicating storm intensity and wind direction.

The hundred years since 1871 have seen the Canadian Meteorological Service face many unique challenges. Forecasts are now transmitted on a 35,000 mile computer - controlled teletype circuit. Maps and satellite photographs are transmitted over special equipment to all corners of Canada. Radio and TV have long since replaced the old wicker basket as a means of communication.

The atmosphere is both a national and international resource as air currents circle the globe without regard to political boundaries. World meteorology is organized on a global basis, through the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) with a membership of 132 nations. Canada is an active member of the WMO and fully supports its many goals.

A full knowledge of the atmosphere and its many moods, the cause and effect relationship between incoming solar radiation and its manifestation in weather phenomena is not fully understood.

If the atmosphere did not exist neither would the human or animal species. Something which effects our lives so basically must be the subject of continuing inquiry.

Increasingly, these studies will see the merging of biological science with meteorology to understand the nature of what has been called the biosphere. In this era, a major public concern is the quality of our air and the effect on human life and activity.

Celebration of the Canadian Meteorological Service's centennial year commenced May 1, 1971. In October, a highlight of the anniversary will be the opening of a new Headquarters building in Toronto.

Former Fund official now at Humber College supervises radio studies

Phil Stone, ex-CHUM radio vice-president and former public relations director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and the Jewish Appeal, is in charge of Toronto's newest radio station - Humber College radio.

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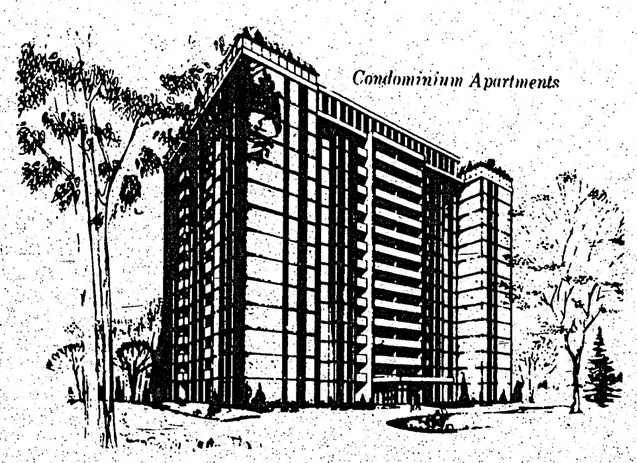

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Graphics tease, challenge and mystify

by Leonie Goldberg

the galleries

POLLACK SHOW

In the window of the Pollack gallery there is a sculpture which turns on a circular mirror base. The colors on the painted metal shine and glow; they reflect onto each other; they change and they create moods. It is this sculpture, "Kroa B" by Victor Vasarely, and the other sculptures and serigraphs by him that make this show really valuable.

Victor Vasarely, the well-known Hungarian artist residing in France, is amazingly prolific. When one looks for the roots of Op art, the first artist who delved into the optical mysteries was Mondrian. But the present development stems, to a large extent, from Vasarely's work.

We take so much for granted when we look at something. It is only when we find a discrepancy, that we become aware of the complex process of seeing. Vasarely's graphics tease us, challenge us, mystify us and finally, change us.

There are quite a few pieces by him: -- several serigraphs from the collection entitled, "Constellations", several from the retrospective collection called "Descartes", and several from the very recent "Gestalt Portfolio" of 1971. These are all strong pieces, but I prefer some of those stacked against the walls in the back room upstairs. The colors are more exciting and more luscious. There are also two more sculptures, "Kroa Blue" which is smaller than the others, and very beautiful, and "Kroa A" which is the most interesting in terms of color change.

There are several pieces by other artists who are tangential to Vasarely. Yvraal, Le Parc, and Cruz-Diez are represented in this show and although their work, for me, does not have the depth of feeling of Vasarely, they contribute a breath of sense to the show.

Most of the other pieces in the show, some by wellknown artists, are all jumbled together. Some attempt is made to visually arrange pieces well, but it still is a very uneven show. One individual, a Van Alstyle, has a few really slap-dash sketches which are very poor. I was surprised to see them hanging; they are more the kinds of sketches strewn often around a studio floor, discarded letters we write to ourselves.

One last treat awaits you, however. After looking at all the optical painting-construction and graphics--go into the back room, look at the tapestry designed by Josef Albers and woven at the renowned Aubusson Center in France. It is a large calm, gentle wall hanging which will ease your eyes. All in all, there's much to view in this show which will continue through the end of summer.

Léger: Dancer with tambourines

GRAPHICS AT ALBERT WHITE

There are quite a few excellent graphics at the Albert White this month. It is an interesting collection, full of variety and vitality. A lively, clear, Leger poster is in the window and sets the tone for the whole show. These are seriously handmade graphics. Along with the Leger, two lyrical Chagall lithographs, a fine, minute Magritte eau-forte, two lovely, dream-like Miro colored lithos, two bold Arp woodcuts and a subtle Cesar litho are some of the highlights of the show. There are also two sketchy, spidery well-drawn lithos by LeCorbusier, a fine still-life litho by Braque, a darkly luminous aquatint by Marini, and a lyrical dove litho by Picasso.

In particular, I'd like to point out the Magritte because his work is becoming harder and harder to obtain. This small graphic illuminates the whimsical humor of that fine surrealist, as the flower grows out of the pear stem. And too, the Cesar -- because his work is not as well known here as it is in Europe. A sculptor as well as printmaker, Cesar works within a defined space which divides itself over and over into small compressed areas. His prints are subtle, understated -- well worth looking at.

All in all, there is much to see. The tone of the show is light, colorful and inviting. It is comprised of pieces by some of the best European artists in this century. Look for the collection downstairs after August 19.

BOOK REVIEW

by NORMAN COHEN

Hysteria in Orleans

RUMOUR IN ORLEANS.
By Edgar Morin. Anthony Blond.

Orleans, about 60 miles south of Paris, with a population of nearly 90,000, was swept by a rumour in May, 1969, that a white slave ring was in operation. Young women—the number rose to 26 at the height of the scare—were said to have been abducted from the fitting rooms of some half a dozen dress boutiques for a life of prostitution in the Middle East. The shops in question were all owned by Jews.

In fact, not one young woman was missing. The hysteria swelled for a few days, withered before the dawn of commonsense and some well-directed protests and died down. Orleans Jews were left feeling a good deal less secure than they had thought themselves before the incident, but business quickly recovered and nobody suffered anything worse than threatening stares and unpleasant remarks.

Nevertheless, the affair created sufficient stir for the Jewish Social Foundation to call in the Contemporary Sociology section of the Centre for the Study of Mass Communications to probe the whole matter, which they did in the early part of the following July.

This section works on what seems to be a rather hit or miss basis, in what they term the "field of the present," and in this instance at any rate they succeeded in producing more jargon than practical results. They discovered a myth, that of Jewish white-slavers, an anti-myth, that it was an antisemitic plot spread by fascists and, finally, an anti-anti-myth, that it had all been started by Communists or the Jews themselves.

The basis of the whole episode was a piece of pseudo-news in a magazine of an alleged instance of white-slavery in Grenoble. The rumour spread principally among young women, both workers and students, but the older persons were glad to exploit it in their fight against the attitudes of the younger generation. It grew and circulated without any directing force and then died away more or less completely. The investigators, accordingly, found little useful material.

There would have been enough for a short article, but it has been expanded into an over-written and repetitive report, eked out with extracts from the researchers' diaries and relevant documents. A number of possible factors are persuasively related: the boredom of Orleans life; the tensions created in young females by the dawn of a more permissive age; the break-down of the old provincial standards as the town population grew and it became increasingly a satellite of Paris; the lascivious atmosphere allegedly created by trying on dresses in a boutique changing-room, and so forth.

This cannot really explain why the incident happened precisely where and when it did, and we are left with one further proof that antisemitism can recrudesce in the most unexpected fashion.

Yiddish committee urges classes

The Committee for Yiddish in Toronto has sent a letter to city and provincial Jewish schools urging them to consider teaching of Yiddish in the upcoming school term.

The letter, over the signature of J. B. Salsberg, committee chairman, says many Jewish youths, "in search of their cultural roots, have come to the realization that a knowledge of Yiddush is a requisite for the understanding of our unique cultural and spiritual heritage."

During the last school year, 40 students attended Yiddush classes at the Community Hebrew Academy. Classes for university students and adults were also conducted at the Hillel Foundation and the Northern Y.

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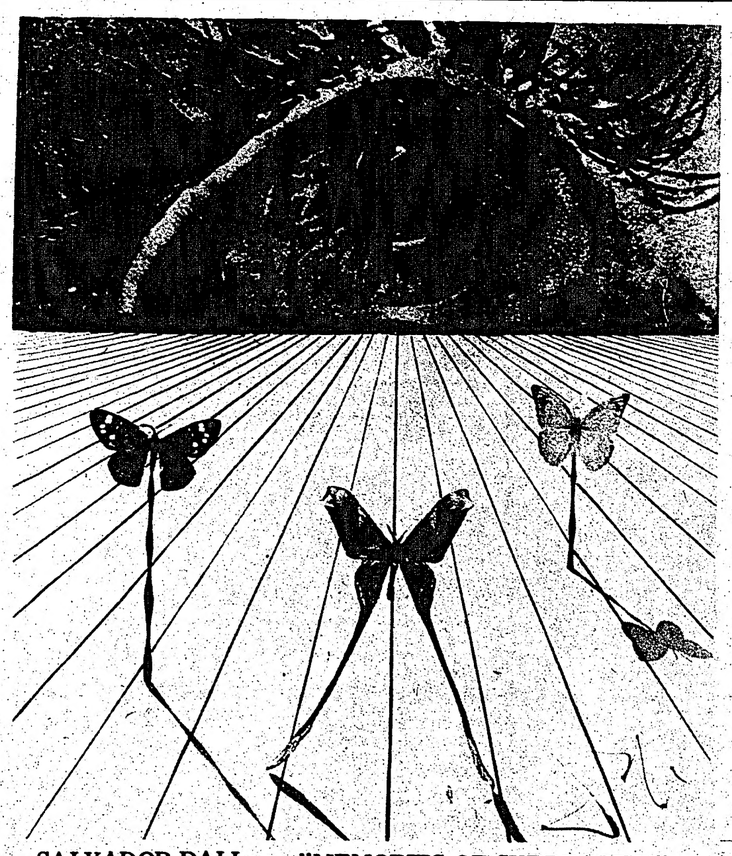

SALVADOR DALI - "MEMORIES OF SURREALISM"

Important Dali show at Kar galleries

Memories Of Surrealism, a series of 12 original etchings on color lithographs, was conceived by Salvador Dali in 14 days during the late summer of 1970.

The amazing rapidity of Dali's hand in creating Memories is best understood as a spontaneous expression of his entire creative experience as a man and artist. Memories Of Surrealism is Dali's most intimate diary, revealing the souce of his inspirations, his lifelong involvement with the subconscious symbols of his dream world, and his constant fascination with mans link to the past - present - and future!

The premiere Canadian showing of the 12 originals and the 12 graphics will be held at the Kar Gallery from Sept. 12 - 25 prior to a world tour.

Sculpture at Jerusalem museum

by Martin Weyl

(The author is curator of sculpture at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem)

Jacques Lipschitz (or Chaim Jacob, as his family knew him) was born in Druskienik, Lithuania, the son of a building contractor. When he was still a child his family moved to Bialystok but because of the pogrom in that town in 1905, Jacques was sent to Vilna, where at the wish of his father he first studied mechanical engineering. But art was his love and Paris the magnet.

The Lipschitz family, throughout many years of wandering through Europe and America, always remained close and when Jacques decided to go to Paris to study art the family in Russia provided him with financial backing.

But after the outbreak of the First World War the link with Russia was broken and the artist's allowance came to an end. He suffered the pains of poverty during his years at Montparnasse, years in which he grew acquainted with Picasso and other Cubists and made a particular friend of Juan Gris.

Having experienced poverty he became aware of the importance of financial security and when he was able he cared for needy members of his family, in particular his brother Rubin, whose studies he payed for in Paris.

Over the years Rubin received numerous bronze sculptures from his brother. He cared for them with affection and kept the entire collection of 130 intact.

In 1970 Rubin decided to donate his collection to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. Jacques Lipschitz's sculptures are now permanently housed in a special pavilion and were put on show for the first time on the artist's 80th birthday.

Lipschitz himself was present at the exhibition. He received the congratulations of many distinguished guests and supervised the placing of the exhibits.

There are four main periods in Lipschitz's work. At first he was dependent on his artistic environment and participated in the Cubist movement. After 1925 he began to use sculpture as a means of expressing his personal feelings and evolved a strikingly individual style in bronze.

The war years marked another radical change. From about 1933 his art carries a profound social and political significance and expresses a reaction to world events, particularly fascism. His final period, beginning after his escape to America in 1941, marks the artist's discovery of peace. His most recent works are in a solemn poetical style.

What Lipschitz himself calls his most monumental work, The Tree of Life, will now stand on Mount Scopus overlooking the city which has paid him homage.

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Alienation drama

Billy Jack.. karate chop knight

by Gail Lewis

film review

Billy Jack at the Uptown 2 is entertaining, original and highly relevant - three prerequisites of celluloid success rarely found in each other's company.

A masterpiece of intertwining plots and themes, its primary concern is youth's alienation in our society. Secondary themes analyze man's violent nature and his careless disregard of humanity.

The Freedom School is an educational experiment similar to Warrendale. It offers children of widely diversified ethnic origins a liberal environment in which they "do their own thing."

Jean (Delores Taylor), the director of the school, is a pacifist who practices her philosophy. Only three rules restrict the students: "no drugs, each person must pull their own load and each person must be engaged in some creative activity, be it blanket weaving, yoga or . . ."

The school is located on an Indian reservation in close proximity to a typically straitlaced small town complete with a full repertoire of stereotypes - rancher town boss, spoiled rotten rich kid, etc. etc.

Billy Jack (Tom Laughlin), a halfbreed of mysterious origin, a Green Beret disillusioned with war has retreated to the reservation to learn the secret, ancient ways of the Indian. A man of considerable physical prowess, he becomes the school's protector by being ominously present whenever the children are threatened.

Like fire and water, the elements of conflict are inherent-weirdo hippie vs. solid citizen, Indian vs. paleface, hawk vs. dove.

Violence erupts when a town girl seeks sanctuary at the school. A young Indian boy is murdered and Jean is raped in a brutally explicit scene. Like St. George cum charger Billy goes off to fight the town dragon.

A symbolic figure, Billy Jack is many things. He is the lonely antihero who captured our hearts in countless westerns; he superhuman karate expert of an 007 thriller or a J.F.K.-King-type savior. Simultaneously, he is the youth of today - rebelling against his hereditary environment while offering only anarchy as an alternative.

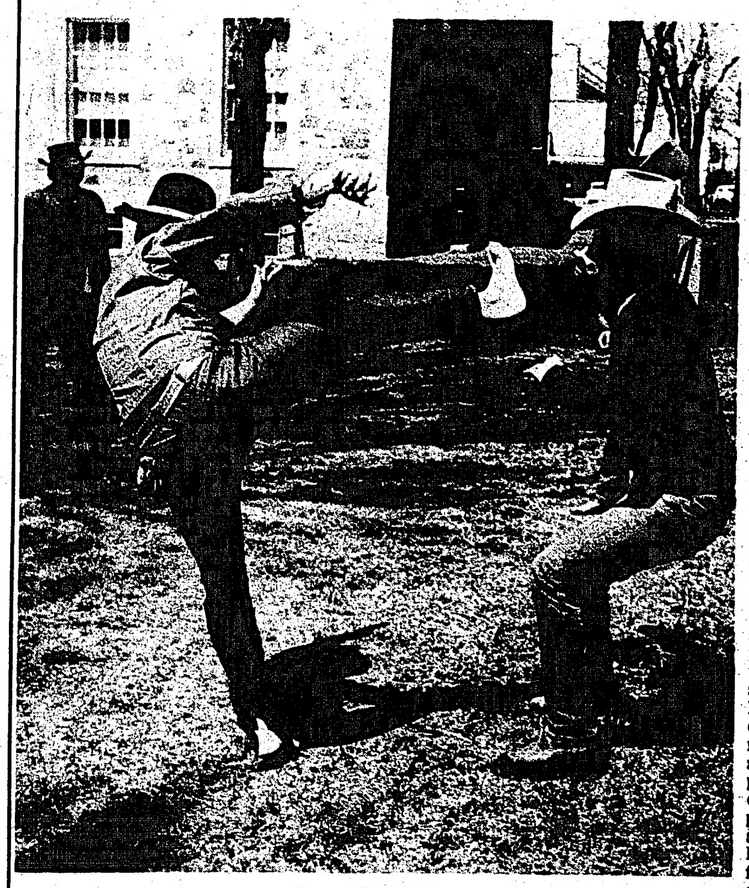
In this respect, he is the familiar hero of Easy Rider or Five Easy Pieces, but unlike them he leaves us with some solution to our problems. We are never so depressed with Billy Jack as we were with Easy Rider, Five Easy Pieces asked us where our society is leading us and Billy Jack answers. Yes! Where?

It is not coincidence that locates the action on an Indian reservation. The film suggests that the key to peace and meaning in life lies in the innocent culture of the Indian - love of the land without compulsion to ravage it, love of life without clinging to it. Thus an Indian might say "it is a good day to die." Unfortunately, the film does not tell us how to achieve this return to innocence.

Tom Laughlin gives an adequate performance as Billy Jack but it is Delores Taylor who is particularly effective as the pacifist who must turn the other cheek. The absence of makeup and a certain little-girl quality in her voice compliment her role as one small person fighting almost insurmountable odds.

Scenes depicting activities at the Freedom School were presented as a documentary while the story action proceeded in more dramatic fashion. This proves to be an effective device allowing the audience to identify with somewhat contrived characters yet never taking them too far from reality.

Some very neat camerawork added a lot of visual interest. Wide angle shots and aerial views contributed to the overall vastness of a western panorama. The first scene, a roundup of wild stallions was shot from the back of a horse - a very bumpy ride for audience as well as actor. Slow motion at appropriate times makes some otherwise fantastic scenes palatable. The film is presented by the National Student Film Corporation - student filmmakers who in this case outfilmed the professionals.



Ann Corio and Jerry Lester

Burlesque at Royal Alexandra

Ann Corio's This Was Burlesque opened in New York on March 2, 1962. After a 3 1/2 year run, it went on the road, and in the six years since it has been touring, has broken records everywhere.

This Was Burlesque is now the longest running touring show in history. Although the number of young people who dig the re-creation of burlesque in its heyday is amazing, it's the nostalgia that gets the customers.

The show stars Ann Corio, who is acknowledged as the most famous as well as the most beautiful of all stripteasers.

Co-starring is Jerry Lester, the madcap comedian of Broadway Open House, the show that created late night television. He fits in perfectly with loose comic style, addlibbing everyone to death, audience and players alike.

This Was Burlesque will perform nightly from Monday through Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday at 6 and 9:30 p.m. at the Royal Alexandra.

N.F.L. team signs Israeli star kicker

The Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League have added a place kicker and punter -- Israeli Gideon Sherer, of Tel Aviv, who is studying for his master's degree at the University of Southern California.

The athletic director at Cal State noticed Sherer practicing on the athletic field, and promptly called him to the attention of Coach Tommy Prothro of the Rams. When Sherer proved to Prothro's satisfaction that 40 to 45 yard kicks were run of the mill for his soccer-style prowess, he was promptly signed, even though he has seen only one college football game.

When it came to kickoffs, Sherer averaged over 60 yards, which would put the ball into the end zone every time. Sherer, who is six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds, lives with his Israeli wife in Hollywood.

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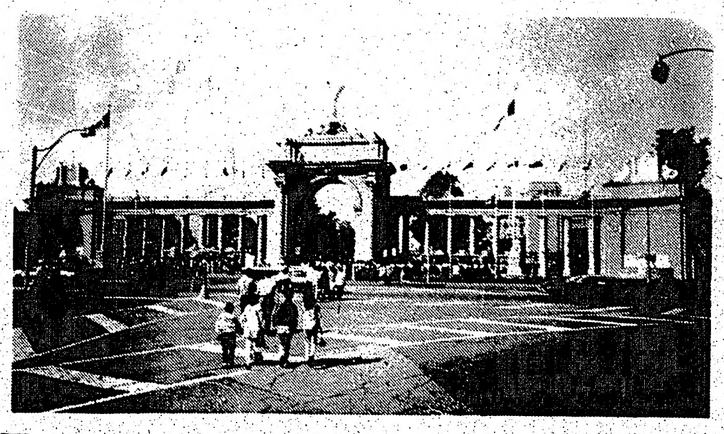

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